

# CATIE □ ENGLISH DICTIONARY

compiled and translated from the original Toddler  
with the most ancient sources diligently compared and revised,  
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**Aye-aye-aye:** any wound, gash, freckle, speck, spider vein, or irregularity on the skin; never simply an ‘aye,’ or an ‘aye-aye,’ though in the case of the Daddy at times transformed into an ‘oi-oi-oi,’ spoken in the lowest possible tone of voice.

**Bah-nee:** a large, purple ‘wah-wah’ (see below) who sings and plays with children on a lighted, flickering screen in toddler’s bedroom; often pronounced “Barney.”

**Bet-tee:** the front part of the human midsection, where one’s ‘bet-tee button’ is found; toddler is quite fond of exposing this part of the anatomy of others, so as to investigate it further.

**Booce:** George Bruce Cunyus.

**Buh-nee:** a terrifying, long-eared monster who roams the halls of Shursh (see below) on Easter Sunday; even the memory of whom elicits wails of fear from toddlers; corresponds to English phrase “Easter Bunny.”

**Buh-nis:** mysterious activities of Daddy, Dan-daaan, and Booce (see below and above), though seldom of Mah-mee; corresponds to English word “business,” or Texan, “bidness.”

**Bush-teeth:** activity, totally unrelated to the current President, which allows toddlers to insert a short, plastic implement in their

mouths without getting in trouble; is often urged on others, as in ‘Mah-mee, bush teeth!’

**Buzh-eesh:** what Daddy has growing below his ‘mose’ (see below); in English, mustache.

**Bye** (or, more recently, **Boy**): 1) John David Cunyus; also known as ‘Baby;’ in the past referred to as ‘Dah-nee;’ 2) also, parting salutation, sometimes pronounced ‘Bye-biiiiiye,’ offered to all objects, animate and inanimate, leaving the toddler’s presence.

**Bye-mow-no:** phrase corresponding roughly to ‘See you tomorrow!’

**Cleaning:** activity which, surprisingly enough, toddler often imitates and, under circumstances, initiates; this is well and good since toddler is frequent causes of the need for ‘cleaning’.

**Coca:** a marvelously tasty, cold beverage usually imbibed by Daddy; sometimes shared by Daddy, Fizz-dee (see below), Pet-tee (see below), infrequently Mah-mee (see below) and others; frequently demanded in a loud voice by toddlers.

**Cossee:** a dark, hot, foul-tasting beverage usually imbibed by parents and other adults in the morning; often the subject of imaginary drinking by toddlers.

**Daddy:** John Grady Cunyus; sometimes pronounced ‘Doe-a-dee.’

**Dan-daaan:** George Marvin Cunyus, with emphasis placed on the second syllable; commonly pronounced ‘Granddad’.

**Dat-n:** early Catie-ism meaning “thank you;” typically used in answer to the question, “What do you say, Catie?”; proper response always, “Dat-n”; word now replaced in active vocabulary with “Tanks,” meaning either “heavily-armored, land-based, motorized weapons,” or, alternately, “thank you.”

**Fon-nee:** causing laughter or amusement, as in ‘Gay-ace fon-nee!’ (see below).

**Gay-ace:** Grace Allison Cunyus, older sister of toddler; usually said in a sing-song voice, with the high note corresponding to the first syllable.

**Gone-gone:** phrase indicating the complete consumption of a food or beverage item.

**Hanz:** an activity involving placing hands and fingers under running ‘ha-wa’ (see below), frequently demanded of parents, sisters, and others, especially in public places.

**Ha-wa:** a clear liquid, useful for drinking, splashing, and, above all, for ‘hanz’ (see above).

**Hoh-nee:** generic word meaning “pretty.”

**Kinnis:** Christian Montiel, dear friend of Catie’s from Shursh (see below).

**La-la:** the state of being hot (or cold);

varying from normal temperature; something that is ‘la-la’ is capable of causing an ‘aye-aye-aye’ (see above).

**La:** cellular telephone.

**Mah-mee:** Rocio Lizarazo Cunyus.

**Mah-nee:** any circular, flat-shaped small object, similar to those used as currency by adults; often solicited by toddlers; believed by toddlers to possess undefined, magical powers, such as causing ‘coca’ (see above) to appear from large machines.

**Mah-na:** Martha Claire Cunyus, older sister of toddler; frequently rendered ‘Mah-na, Mah-na, Mah-na,’ in a loud voice, with great enthusiasm.

**Minnis:** 1) Michelle Rae “Micki” Cunyus; 2) alternately, a word corresponding English phrases “Look here!” or “Observe this phenomenon!”, as when pointing at an interesting object and shouting, “Mah-mee, minnis!”

**Moon:** mysterious, glowing object in the night sky toddler frequently demands to see while leaving car; favorite ploy to avoid having to go inside.

**Mose:** part of the human anatomy immediately above the mouth; normally referred to in English as “nose” (see ‘buzh-eesh’).

**Myow-myow:** a small, lithe, soft-furred, terrifying outdoor creature; often used as a threat in and around toddler’s bedtime, as in “Mah-mee’s going to throw you out with the myow-myows if you don’t stop!”; referred to in English as ‘cat’ and in Spanish as

‘gato.’

**Nay-nays:** other children.

**Night-night:** the state of being asleep, as in “Dan-daaan night-night!”; toddler is particularly fond of shouting ‘Bye night-night’ (for ‘Bye’, see meaning one above) at entrance of Bye’s room while he is sleeping.

**No:** single-word response generally shouted at the top of the voice at any suggestion that the toddler is not, in fact, master of the universe (see ‘Toddler’ and ‘Pow-pow,’ both below).

**Pa-pa:** 1) any thinly sliced, fried potato product in chip form; or 2) the bag in which thinly sliced fried potato products are found; or 3) any bag even remotely resembling such a bag; or 4) any photographic representation of such a bag.

**Par-kee:** an outdoor green space in which toddlers and other ‘nay-nays’ (see above) engage in physical activities.

**Poo-poo:** any substance, whether liquid, solid, or gaseous in form, which passes from the bottom extremity of the human midsection.

**Pow-pow:** a sharp reprimand, at times accompanied by a carefully-controlled blow with the flat of the hand upon the lower rear extremity of the toddler midsection; designed to moderate ill-tempered behavior; also pronounced ‘bow-bow.’

**Row-row:** a four-legged, hair-covered animal, usually with an extended proboscis; referred to in English as “dog” and in Spanish as “perrito;” typical usage: “Catie,

see the ‘row-row?’”

**Shursh:** Church; typically used by toddler holding a copy of the church newsletter, pointing to it with one finger, and saying “Daddy, Shursh!”

**Tet-tey:** 1) the white liquid the toddler drinks from a bottle; and 2) the bottle from which the toddler drinks it. One of the toddler’s favorite pastimes is to buy ‘tet-tey’ at ‘Tom-tum’ (see below).

**Tie:** 1) a large, four-legged ‘row-row’ living with ‘Dan-daaan’; confusingly enough, ‘tie’ is also 2) a long piece of cloth Daddy inexplicably wears around his neck on Sundays.

**Toddler:** Ana Catherine “Catie” Cunyus, center of the known universe.

**Tom-tum:** a large, air conditioned building in which toddlers are allowed to ride in metal carts and pull things off shelves (see ‘Pow-pow’).

**Vroom-vroom:** a large, two-wheeled machine living beside Mah-mee’s car in the garage; usually silent, though when awaked it makes a large volume of noise; occasionally ridden by Daddy; capable of causing a painful ‘aye-aye-aye’ when ‘la-la’ (see above).

**Wah-wahs:** large, frightening, randomly-dressed creatures who appear annually beginning in late October; ‘wah-wahs’ found in Malls during that period often seen dressed in red suits with long, white beards; a particularly fearsome species of ‘wah-wah’, known by its long, floppy ears, appears in and around ‘Shursh’ at Easter.

**Ya** (pronounced 'Ja'): word corresponding roughly to 'Silence thyself!' or "Desist from this pernicious activity!" as in "Ya, Daddy!," spoken with great emphasis; improper usage often leads to 'pow-pow' (see above).

**Zhood Zhub:** congratulatory phrase normally used when toddler does something well; roughly translated as 'Good Job!'; usually causes spontaneous applause by the toddler.

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