# General Conversation In . . .

# 1970s New York

**Make note of :**

**“The Deuce” – Slang for prostitution**

**Idioms *(phrases with hidden meanings*)**

**Exam’s gonna be cake (the exam will be easy)**

**Drano cocktail ( a poisoned drink)**

**Frontin (faking)**

**Go with the flow (go with it)**

**Scotch rocks, not from the well (give me a good whisky with ice)**

**Right as rain (everything is good)**

**That shit’s the carrot (shit is a pronoun here, and carrot is trying to lead someone like a horse/carrot)**

**Use of Slang**

**A LOT of slang. Swearing is very casual, with less intent**

**Sentence Structure ( short , long )**

**Mostly short, with *a lot of skipping of individual words***

**Ain’t Seen him, You’re done? Cutting words and syllables out to make it quicker**

**“I be tired” one verb tense used for past, present and future (quicker/easier)**

**a lot of question tags too, “you feel me”, “ain’t it?” “all right?”**

**Unique vocabulary you think is interesting**

**Ho, ginzo, a lot of casual racism, freeze (probably ‘old’ slang for cocaine), mook (racist),**

**Speed of talking**

**Medium (Italian Americans) (Pimps spoke faster)**

**Use of Humor**

**A lot of stereotyping**

**Ease of understanding**

1970s New York Informal Deuce

2000s Baltimore Informal The Wire

2000s UK Comedy Semi-Formal

1970s Comedy Formal Fawlty Towers