

Definitions starting with J

jitney

[cf. US Black jitney taxi (Walker 1956: 200); cf. OEDS I "the Jewish slang term for a nickel [5 cents].... jitney bus derives its name from jitney meaning the smallest coin in circulation in Russia"; cf. Russian zheton from Fr. jeton token; "Also, on account of the poor quality of these buses, used to designate anything cheap or ramshackle]

- n. 1. a minibus used for public transport: The jitney is not a reliable form of transportation for the tourist (COB). (Gen.)
2. a cheap, promiscuous girl: She what they call jitney—anyone could get on (Nassau). (Black)
3. also **jittimy** (Gen.), **ijittimy** (Cat) [cf. US dial. jittany jitney, jit illegitimate child ADD; from illegitimate influenced by jitney] an illegitimate child: 1966 A little jittimy (Otterbein 75). cf. [OUTSIDE CHILD](#)

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