



“Slang is a language that rolls up its sleeves, spits on its hands and goes to work”

-Carl Sandburg-

## Slang

### **i. Introduction :**

Slang refers to a type of language that's too informal to use in certain situations. It is typically restricted to a particular context or group of people. Often, slang terms are considered vulgar or offensive to use in polite conversation. . However, over time, many slang expressions have become part of our standard vocabulary, as they are more commonly used.

### **ii. How has slang evolved over time?**

The use of slang has transformed significantly throughout history. Its origins can be traced back to the early 16th century, when it was used as a specialized vocabulary employed by various groups, including criminals, sailors, and beggars.

Then, slang gradually expanded its reach and became more widespread across different social classes and demographics. For example, in the 19th century, the working class embraced slang as a way to differentiate themselves from the upper class.

In the 20th century, slang went mainstream through media and pop culture. Social media and the internet have further amplified its influence, resulting in a rapid evolution that incorporates words and phrases from various languages and cultures.

Currently, slang remains an integral part of our daily language, used to express humor, irony, and social identity. Although some slang words become obsolete quickly, others become part of the lexicon and can stay *lit* for generations.

### iii. Examples:

1. **Lit:** When something is very good, enjoyable, or exciting, you can say it's "lit".

◆ Dude, the party last night was lit! Where were you?

2. **Extra:** When someone is "extra", it means they are unnecessarily dramatic, excessive, over the top or a "drama queen".

◆ She invited the entire school to her birthday. She's so extra!

3. **Salty:** You can say someone is salty when they get upset or angry over something minor.

◆ Nick is so salty since his parents took away his car!

4. **To flex:** Another way of saying someone is showing off..

◆ Andrew's trying to flex with that new no-name Smartphone of his.

5. **Tea:** When someone is "spilling the tea", it means they are gossiping.

◆ What happened at Jessica's birthday party? Come on, spill the tea!

6. **Bye, Felicia:** A cold way of dismissing someone.

◆ *You were rude. I'm gonna leave now.*

◆ *Bye, Felicia!*

7. **Hangry:** When you are so hungry that you are angry! (probably the most relatable slang word Gen Z taught us).

◆ I'm so hangry right now I could eat five burgers in one sitting!

8. **Sus:** Something that is questionable, dishonest or suspicious.

◆ Ok, now you're just sus. I don't believe you!

### United States:

*buck* – dollar

*whip* – car

*salty* – jealous

*nuts* – crazy

*chill* – relax

### United kingdoms

*nosh* – food

*(to) kip* – (to) sleep

Cuppa- cup of tea

Chuffed- happy

Lad- young man