

## WHAT IS SLANG?

Slang is called non-standard vocabulary, used in a casual conversation. Teens in each generation develop a unique language of their own. Over the years, parents have heard terms ranging from "outta sight" and "phat," to things like "sick" and "gag me with a spoon." Every decade has been marked by its special phrases that quickly grow outdated (and might just become "cheugy") to the teens of the future.



Trying to figure out what teens are saying is increasingly challenging, as the explosion of social media, memes, digital communication, and the ever-present-cellphone means teen-speak is evolving faster than ever. Once you think you've mastered a few phrases, you're probably already out of touch again.

## MODERN SLANG OF TEENAGERS: Meaning and Influence on Speech

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## TEEN 2023 SLANG WORDS NEW LIST:

GOAT – Greatest Of All Time;

Dope – Awesome;

Sic/Sick – Next Level Cool;

Lit – Amazing or exciting;

Gucci – Good or going well;

Salty – Bitter or angry;

Litty again – exciting or wild once more.

## WHY TEENAGERS USE SLANG?

Some of the main reasons include:

- **Expressing individuality:** Slang words are often used by teens to express their individuality and set themselves apart from their peers.
- **Group identity:** Teenagers often use slang words as a way to identify with a specific group or subculture.
- **Inclusivity:** Slang words are often used as a way to create a sense of inclusivity and belonging among a group of teens.
- **Convenience:** Slang words are often shorter and easier to say than formal words, making them more convenient for teens to use in conversation.
- **Rebellion:** Teens may use slang words as a form of rebellion against societal norms and expectations.
- **Coolness:** Many teens use slang words because they believe it makes them appear more cool or trendy.