

CHARACTERISTICS OF SLANG AND ITS TYPES

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Abstract: This article represents the classification of the slang and its types. Examples are provided to illustrate the features of slang.

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English is the language of our international communication in all areas. Having a good command of English leads us to easily exchange our ideas and thoughts with foreigners. There are some challenges we face when we learn English. One of the issues that makes us confuse, use of slangs in speech. Slang is a language of a social group that differs from the common colloquial language and dialects with its own phonetics, grammar and lexis. Slangs arises in a certain social environment and serves their benefit. For example, there are different slang words known only to students, military personal, and people of different professions and occupations. [4] Slangs should not be confused with any professional language with highly developed and precise terms. Because slang is both lexically and stylistically diverse and rapidly changing, it is not stable. Different types of slangs arise for different reasons and under different circumstances. For example, among people in Uzbekistan, slangs such as "soqqa" instead of "money", "koki" instead of "dollars" can be found. Slangs can appear when representatives of peoples speaking different languages communicate with each other or when different peoples live in the same place. Slangs are understood almost exclusively by the members of the social group, and they serve the purposes of this group, which are hidden from others due to the situation and conditions. For example, students and teachers group say "syllabus",

"plan". Drivers call their cars "four", "ten". It should be remembered that slang words often used by one group may have different meanings in other groups. Vocabulary As stated by Allan and Burridge there are five types of slang in the language. They are fresh, imitative, flippant, acronym and clipping. [1] So, let's give some examples of these types in order to illustrate them.

Fresh and creative slang words consist of new and imagination; mommy, daddy, sheesh and etc.

Flippant slang words consist of two or more words like phrases that words mean something different in a sentence when they appear separately; break a leg, spilling the tea.

Imitative slang words are words formed from the abbreviation or combination of two or more words. For example: gonna, wanna, kinda, dunno... [5]

Acronym is a type of abbreviation formed from the first letters of words. It is pronounced as a word; OK, LOL, [3] SM, GN, DAE

Clipping is one of the type of slang that trimming of some of the parts of the words and gets the same meaning. It involves the shortening of a longer word. For example: net, phone, bro, temp...

Why is it important to learn foreign slang words?

It can be a form of profanity or colorful, but slang is an important part of any language. Regardless of people's social status or intentions, being able to use slang depends on people being creative. Slang is understood within a particular group, but it can also be general. For example, almost every English-speaking mother knows that being "filthy rich" doesn't mean being dirty, but having a lot of money. In such a situation, slang changes its meaning of being limited to a certain group, as Eric Partridge says, to facilitate social contact and reduce the pompous and excessive seriousness of conversation. [2] So, slang brings us closer and enriches the language.

There is given basic knowledge about slang, its classification and introduced some of the most common slang terms you may face in the informal conversation. We

have to learn this term in order to comprehend informal language. Because all regions have their own dialects and their own slang words that people who live that region can understand.

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