



# Slang

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2. When might slang be used?

3. Write down some examples of slang that you use and the meanings of words.

4. Why do you think so many people use slang?

5. Do slang words often change? Explain why.

6. Can you think of any famous people who use slang expressions? Who are they? Why are they famous and what slang do they use? Why do you think they use slang?

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3. People with posh accents are rich and snobbish.	Agree Disagree	
4. Some accents are funny.	Agree Disagree	
5. People with country accents are slow to understand.	Agree Disagree	
6. Some accents make people sound thick.	Agree Disagree	
7. Older people care more about the way you speak than young people do.	Agree Disagree	
8. You can tell some people are street-wise by the way they talk.	Agree Disagree	
9. Some accents are better than others.	Agree Disagree	
10. I like my accent.	Agree Disagree	

You are going to write your **language autobiography** - explaining the influences on the way that you speak. You are going to show your understanding of the English language through your ideas and writing.

Introduction to what you have been studying and the importance of English as a world language.	
Explain the origins of your name and surname. What did you learn through your research into names?	
Learning to talk - when, what and how.	
How have the places where you have lived influenced your speech? What is an accent and dialect? Where can they be heard?	
What was your survey and what did you learn?	
Has your variety of English been influenced by contact with other dialects or languages?	
Have your friends influenced your speech?	
Overall - final thoughts.	



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Slang is ...

2. When might slang be used?

We use slang when ...

3. Write down an example of slang.

An example of a slang word I use is ...

It means ...

4. Why do you think so many people use slang?

People use slang because ...

5. Do slang words often change? Explain why.

Slang words change / don't change because ...

For example:

6. Can you think of any famous people who use slang expressions? Who are they? Why are they famous and what slang do they use? Why do you think they use slang?

A famous person who uses slang is ...

They are famous because ...

The slang word(s) they use is (are) ...

I think they use slang because ...

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You are going to write your language autobiography. Use this grid to help you.

<b>Introduction</b>	I have been learning about ... I think that English is an important language because ...
<b>Your name</b>	My name is ... It means ... Names are important because ...
<b>Learning to talk</b>	I learned to talk when I was ... I was living in ... My first words were ...
<b>Where you lived</b>	I grew up in ... My parent(s) / carer(s) spoke with ... accent(s) The people where I lived had ... accents An accent is ... A dialect is ... My accent was influenced by ...
<b>Your survey</b>	My survey was ... I learned .....
<b>Other dialects or languages</b>	My accent has been / has not been influenced by ... I think this because ....
<b>Friends</b>	My friends have / have not influenced my speech. I think this because ...
<b>Overall - final thoughts</b>	I have learned ... I think this because ...