

Topic: Slang

Grade: 10 or 11

Time: 90 minutes

Objective: Students will understand how to use informal speech by learning different American slang words/phrases.

Materials: Slang Words/Phrases Flashcards, Slang Meaning Flashcards

Warm Up - What is Slang? (5 min)

- Ask the students to define slang by raising hand
- Ask them to give some examples of slang in Bahasa Indonesia

Main Activity 1: Flashcard Slang (20 min)

- Have the students pair up
- Give each pair 2-3 flashcards
 - On the front of each flashcard, write one American slang word or phrase (see table for slang and meanings)
- Give the students a couple of minutes to write what they think the slang means on the back of the flashcard
 - Be sure to tell them not to use their phones!
- While they come up with definitions, put flashcards with the meanings at the front of the room
- The students will have to find the flashcard with the meaning that matches their own definition

Lesson - Defining Slang (30 min)

- Go in order and have each student give their own definition of the slang
 - Have your co-teacher write down the slang word/phrase during this time
- Be sure to give them the actual meaning of the slang and an example of how to use the slang in a sentence or situation

Main Activity 2 - Slang Convos (30 min)

- Have the students in their same pairs create their own conversation using the slang they just learned
- Have some of the pairs present their conversations to the class

Closing - Review (5 minutes)

- Say different sentences using slang
- Have the students translate what you're saying

Notes:

I used this lesson plan for English Camp. I brought one of my Australian friends with me and changed the lesson to include Aussie slang as well. We talked about how we both speak English but still manage to not understand each other because we have different slang. So if you do know people in your area that are from Australia or the UK, they can make for great guest speakers. The students really enjoyed learning more “practical” speech!

Slang:

American	Australian	Meaning
airhead	drongo	silly, stupid person
flake	ditzy	unreliable person
goof off/goof around	bludge	waste time, play around
janky	dodgey	poorly made, low quality
kultz	unco	clumsy
moolah/dough	dosh	money
pissed	aggro	angry
stuffed	chockas	full
bail	shootin' through	leaving in a hurry
y'all	yooz	you all
fixin' to	gonna	about to
beat	wrecked/knackered	tired
brew	cuppa	coffee
homie	mate	pal
get it	I reckon	to understand something
grungy		unclean
jock	aussie!	someone good at sports

laid back		relaxed calm
giving lip	act like a ratbag	cheeky talk
luck out	half your luck	to be really lucky
pig out	bog in	eat too much
shades	sunnies	sunglasses
wimpy	sook	wimpy
dig in	dig in	bon apetit (start eating)
	barbie	barbeque
	snag	sausage
	howzat?	how awesome was that?
	tucker	food
flip flops	thongs	open shoes
bro tank	singlet	sleeveless shirt
gal	sheila	girl/woman
dude	bloke	man
	sanga	sandwich
the john	dunny	toilet
	hard yakka	hard work
pumped	stoked	happy/excited
tons	heaps	lots of
gucci	no worries	not worry about something, everything is OK
Mickey Ds/McDos	Maccas	McDonalds
Under the weather	crook	to be sick
	cactus	broken
popo	coppers	police

	fair dinkum	true, genuine
to cream	to cream	win by a lot
def	defo	definitely
preggo	preggers	pregnant
rents	folks	parents
redneck	bogan	rude, uneducated person
couch potato	bludger	lazy person