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## Transcript Audio 3





Good morning! Today, our class is going to be about slang. Does anybody here know how a slang is born? No one! So, let's check it together! A slang is a variation of a standard speech or addition of it. There are many different forms of slangs. For instance: you can get a slang formed by compounding words for example: LUCK OUT that means someone with good luck or CASH IN that means die. Or they can be created by dipping words as in PRO which means professional or PIX that means picture. There are also the abbreviations, and some of them are fun. OMG, that is the abbreviation of Oh My G' d, or TGIF, Thank G d it's Friday and one of the most recent ones, [YOLO](#) ('you only live once'). All of them are already part of our daily texting.

There are slangs that came from onomatopoeias. And here I mention: BANG, the sound of a blast, or FIZZ that is the sound of a continuous bubbling.

Oh, I almost forgot another kind of slang that is originated from foreign words. For example: schlimazel that is in Yiddish and it means someone prone to bad luck or a very curious one, in Brazilian Portuguese, cafune, that they use for "tenderly running your fingers through your lover's hair."

These several forms of slangs are created for many reasons and under other many different conditions.

One of the most common ways is among people who belong to the same group, gang, ghetto, and so on. Maybe with the same age, social position, profession, have the same hobby and interests. For example, surfers use the slangs to describe different kinds of waves and movements, as PIPELINE, this is a classic Hawaiian wave or PADDLEPUSS who is someone who stays and plays in the whitewater close to the beach.

However, the same word in one group may mean something else in another.



Some social conditions tend to produce slang more easily, as it happened in the 2nd World War when the slang expressions BLITZ and WALKIE-TALKIE were created.

It is even possible that a slang is so quickly included in the people's every day that it soon is included in the dictionary. And just for you knowledge, the increase in usage of the term [e-cig](#) in the last years, as electronic devices which enable people to inhale smokeless nicotine vapor have become increasingly widespread. So, E-cigarette was added to a dictionary.