

Learn English slang to improve your spoken fluency

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Slang refers to words that are spoken in informal circumstances. You can use slang in two different scenarios; in normal conversations to describe a situation, person or group of individuals or in abusive conversations with the intention to offend someone. Caution is advised while using slangs as you don't know when you will offend anyone's sensibilities. But, in the modern age, use of slang in informal communication is so widespread that you need to be aware of them to survive informal situations. Use English slang to improve your [fluency in English communication](#).



Things To Remember When Using Slangs:

1. Keep situation in mind

While using English slang, be mindful of the situation. Not everyone appreciates the usage of slangs. If used in the wrong scenario, you may come across as someone who is uncultured. Often, youngsters emulate others in the hopes of looking cool. But, please remember that is not always the case. Use your judgment while using English slang words.

Sample Slangs Words And Phrases:

Below you will find two sections of slangs: 1. Okay to use and 2. Do NOT use.

1. Okay to use

These slangs are okay to use as they are speaking in a non offending way:

(a) A dime a dozen

This slang, which is also a phrase, means 'very common'. It is usually used in a sense to signify something which has low value due to easy availability.

Example: 'Dogs like that are dime a dozen.'

(b) All-nighter

A phase where you work or study all night. This slang often follows the verb pull.

Example: "She pulled an all-nighter to finish the subject,"

(c) Ditch

It means to get rid of something.

Example: He ditched the bike and got on to a car.

(d) Do an about face

It means to do something that is opposite of what was promised.

Example: "Everyone was sure he would vote, so they were totally surprised when he did an about face and abstained."



(e) Get back on your feet

It means to recover from an injury or tragedy.

Example: She got back on her feet fairly quickly.

2. Do NOT use

The slangs listed below are very offensive; hence use caution while using them.

(a) Dork

It is used to refer to someone who is socially weird and inept.

Example: 'Dorothy is such a dork'.

(b) Drag

It is used to symbolize something which is boring or disappointing.

Example: "This presentation is such a drag."

(c) In the doghouse

It is used to signify that the person mentioned is in certain trouble.

Example: "Tim will soon be in the doghouse for this."

(d) Jerk

It is used to denote someone who is making a fool of others.

Example: 'Please stop jerking him around.'



The above samples and differences should make you understand when and where you should use slangs. They are a great and quick way to gain fluency in the English language. To learn more slang and to [improve your spoken English](#), take the help of an online English trainer.

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