

# Valuing All Languages to Unlock Europe

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Theme: Language emersion

## Activity6: Slang in English

<b>Title:</b>	<i>Slang</i>
<b>Duration:</b>	60 min
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn and review slang vocabulary</li> <li>• Get a feel of the youth culture</li> <li>• To practise reading skills</li> <li>• To practise speaking skills</li> </ul>
<b>Description of the activity (step by step)</b>	
10-15 min	<p>Slanguage Quiz</p> <p>Start by giving groups of students two sets of index cards. On one set of cards, write an assortment of contemporary slang. On the other set, write more traditional synonyms or phrases for the slang expressions. You can find a set of 20 common slang terms and their definitions here (<a href="http://www.myenglishpages.com/blog/standard-slang-lesson-plan-3/">http://www.myenglishpages.com/blog/standard-slang-lesson-plan-3/</a>) or compile your own collection from an online slang dictionary (e.g. <a href="http://onlineslangdictionary.com/">http://onlineslangdictionary.com/</a>, <a href="http://www.slangvocabulary.com/wp/">http://www.slangvocabulary.com/wp/</a>)</p> <p>Using both sets of cards, groups should try to match the correct slang term to its definition. Give students enough time to attempt their matches before giving them the correct answers.</p>
10-15 min	<p>Afterward, ask your students why slang can make it difficult to understand English speakers in real life. When has slang posed the biggest problem for them and their English skills? Allow several students to share with the class. Why do they think English speakers enjoy using slang in their speech? You may also want to encourage your students to discuss how they feel about slang usage in their native languages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ask students whether they have problems understanding conversations in British or American movies.</li> </ul>

<p>10-15 min</p> <p>10-15 min</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brainstorm the reasons why they may have difficulty fully understanding native speakers language.</li> <li>• Explain that slang is the use of informal words and expressions that are not considered standard in the speaker’s language.</li> <li>• Give examples of slang language for students to study in groups. (See <a href="http://www.myenglishpages.com/blog/standard-slang-lesson-plan-3/">http://www.myenglishpages.com/blog/standard-slang-lesson-plan-3/</a>)</li> </ul> <p>Students do a matching exercise to get explanation of the slang vocabulary items in the examples given earlier (See <a href="http://www.myenglishpages.com/blog/standard-slang-lesson-plan-3/">http://www.myenglishpages.com/blog/standard-slang-lesson-plan-3/</a>)</p> <p>Play a video from a movie or a song and ask the students to write down all the slang term they could identify. Teachers can use a movie or series that the students like and watch. Then discuss with the students alternative ways of saying the same thing.</p>
<p><b>Expected results:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn the slang vocabulary;</li> <li>• To get a feel of how native speakers use their language;</li> <li>• To support co-operative learning in the context of language and culture teaching and learning;</li> </ul>
<p><b>Methodology:</b></p>	<p>ESL -Task-based language learning</p> <p>The focus of the teaching is on the completion of a task which in itself is interesting to the learners. Learners use the language they already have to complete the task and there is little correction of errors.</p>
<p><b>Materials/Resources/Pictures:</b></p>	<p>Different pages with English slang vocabulary and lesson suggestions</p> <p><a href="http://www.eslcafe.com/slang/">http://www.eslcafe.com/slang/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.myenglishpages.com/blog/standard-slang-lesson-plan-3/">http://www.myenglishpages.com/blog/standard-slang-lesson-plan-3/</a></p> <p><a href="http://iteslj.org/Lessons/Teeter-Slang.html">http://iteslj.org/Lessons/Teeter-Slang.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.eslflow.com/Idiomsandslang.html">http://www.eslflow.com/Idiomsandslang.html</a></p> <p>American slang quiz</p> <p><a href="http://www.yindii.com/ref/slang_quiz.htm">http://www.yindii.com/ref/slang_quiz.htm</a></p>

	Online slang expressions <a href="http://www.eslcafe.com/slang/slang.cgi?">http://www.eslcafe.com/slang/slang.cgi?</a>
<b>Target Group:</b>	Students with advanced language skills.
<b>Evaluation:</b>	The teachers will observe students participation and group work, if needed and give feedback by demonstrating the correct vocabulary. The teachers can also make a quiz by asking students to match the slang term to the corresponding meaning in standard language.
<b>Please, indicate reference points and coherence with the teaching planning</b>	