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## Slang Words From a Teen ([Video Essay](#))

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### For the Classroom

“Slang Words From a Teen” looks at modern slang that teenagers use in everyday conversations. The video essay provides “real-life” scenarios to demonstrate each word within its socially appropriate context.

For a short in-class activity,

1. Ask students to come up with a list of every slang word that they know and its definition.
2. Then, ask them to paste their responses into an editable Google Doc. (Blackboard Wiki can be used instead of Google Drive, depending on the instructor’s preference.)
3. Working online together with their classmates, they must come up with a shorthand “dictionary,” similar to Wikipedia, to explain each word and its socially appropriate context and define the rhetorical situation.

This activity would pair well with a lesson plan that examines the situatedness of writing in educational, work, and personal spaces, and it also allows students to practice collaboration using digital tools.

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**Narrator:** In an attempt to explain to the older generation slang words that teens use these days, here's some examples and explanations of slang words that are popular at my high school.

Speaker 1: Yooo, we're throwing a party tonight, if you wanna come.

Speaker 2: Alright, say less, I'll be there!

**Narrator:** Say less basically means, "Say no more." And it's also used instead of saying "bet."

Speaker 1: Hey, what's up, Brad?

Speaker 2: Hey what's up, bro?

Speaker 1: How ya doin'?

Speaker 2: Pretty good.

Speaker 1: How's Miller treatin' ya?

Speaker 2: Ah, Miller's. It's all right. I mean, my window is completely covered in mold, so—

Speaker 1: Dead ass?

Speaker 2: Yeah, man, this is first time I've seen the sun in a week.

Speaker 1: That's fucking tough, dog.

**Narrator:** "Dead ass" means like, "Are you for real, bro?" "Are you serious right now?"

Speaker 1: It's really cold out here.

Speaker 2: I know, dude. [pause] Dude, dude! That guy's kinda cute down there.

Speaker 1: Oh shit! [laughs]

[calls out] Yo, yo!

Speaker 2: No! No! Rebecca! Rebecca!

Speaker 1: My friend thinks you're really cute!

Speaker 2: Stop, stop! You taxed it! It's not even—

**Narrator:** "Taxed it" is a phrase used when somebody does too much, or they took something way too far.

Speaker 1: Dude, look at this TikTok. It's so funny. [laughs]

[door opens]

Speaker 2: Are you guys watching TikToks?

Speaker 1: Uh, yeah.

Speaker 2: Can you guys like follow me so I can get the TikTok clout?

**Narrator:** “Clout” is being famous or having influence on people.

Speaker 1: My ex bought me this wallet. Yeet!

**Narrator:** “Yeet” can be used in a lot of different ways, but a lot of people use it as a sound effect when throwing something.

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