

Group 4-069

Modern Pop-Culture: Teenage Slang

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Abstract

Project Teenage Slang is a project aiming to help parents with teenage children understand their child better, thus being able to communicate with them more without misunderstandings. Our website can help parents through our content, including many different slang words, their pronunciation and even some examples. We saw how our website allowed parents to understand the meaning of the slang words better and also took into account their suggestions. We hope that this would allow parents to have easy and quick access when wanting to learn more about the slang words their children use.

Introduction

There has been a rise in cases where parent-child miscommunication occurs, resulting in poor relationships and potentially arguments. We realised something that makes teenagers different from parents is the use of slang. We wanted to understand if teenage slang was a reason why such miscommunication occurs and find ways we could help.

Objective, Target Audience, Resource created

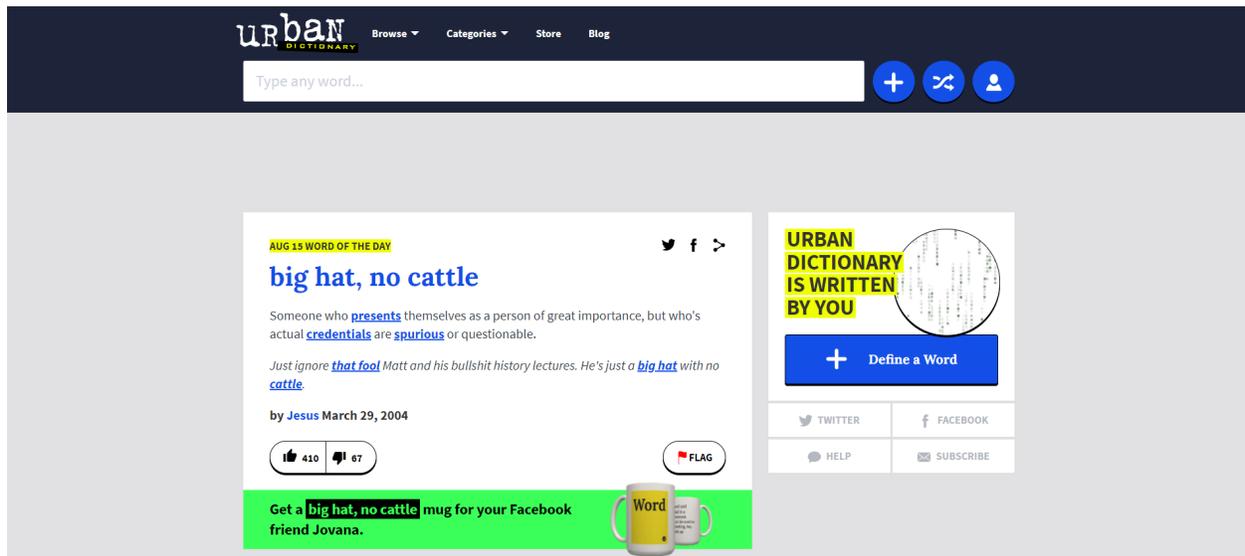
The objective of our website/guide is to educate parents of teenagers through using appropriate definitions of slang terms so that they can understand their child better, preventing misunderstandings.

Review

Dictionary.com has a large slang archive that contains many slang words. A good thing we took from it was categorisation. However, teenagers do not use so many kinds of slang, thus we cut down on the number of categories, grouping some of them together.



In our opinion, words on Dictionary.com are too niche and many are slang words that are unlikely to be used by teenagers. Moreover, the website looked unappealing without many pictures. Thus, the resources would have to be interesting, but at the same time easy to understand, and has slang words that are often used by teenagers.



Urban dictionary is another slang archive widely used these days. It allows for community contributions, however, most words in Urban Dictionary are defined in nonsensical and satirical methods, therefore potentially misleading those who are not familiar with the definition of certain words.

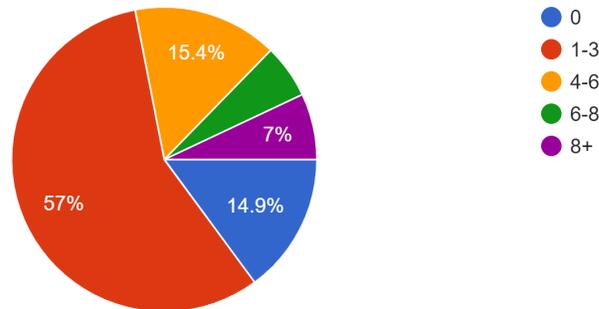
Methodology

Needs Analysis

In March, we conducted a survey to see how many parents knew about common slang used by teenagers. We asked them how often they have heard their child (teenager) say slang words that they did not understand the definition of.

How often does your child say or type teenage slang words that you don't know, don't understand or have never heard of? (Per week)

228 responses



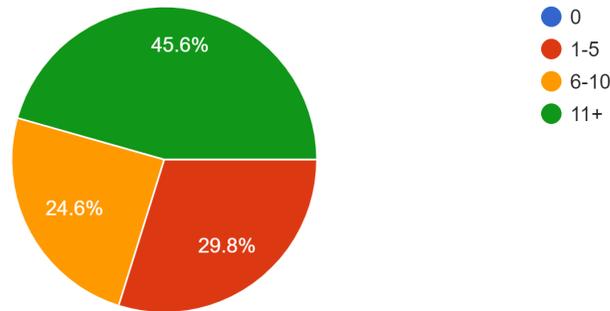
The results show that teenagers use slang often. The increased use of teenage slang may result in miscommunication. We also found out that there are many slang words that parents do not understand.

	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
1	How often does your child	Salty	Tank	GGwp	SMH	Pogchamp	Karen	Lmao	Mom
2	1-3	jealous	dont know	dont know	dont know	dont know	dont know	dont know	dont know
3	4-6	dont know	fish tank	dont know	dont know	dont know	dont know	dont know	mother
4	1-3	something no good	Die already	Go do work	Don't know	Don't know	Jane	Laugh something off	Mummy
5	1-3	Hostile	Very strong	Good game well played	Somehow	Surprise and hype	Complaining aunty	Laugh my ass off	Mother
6	1-3	Feeling of jealousy	Not heard of	Not heard of	Shake my head	Not heard of	Someone who tells some	Laugh my ass out	Not heard
7	8+	Impactful	To endure attacks	Good Game Well Played	Shake My Head/ Disgust	Pokémon Go champion	Entitled	Intense laughter	Mother
8	1-3	Unhappy	Strong	Good game well played	Shake my head	Happy	Acting like a woman	Laugh my ass off	Mean old
9	4-6	Stingy	Idk	Idk	Idk	Idk	Idk	Idk	Idk
10	1-3	Not nice	Bad	Don't know	Don't know	Don't know	Girl	Laugh	Mother
11	0	Yucks	Thank you	Going to get whipped	Stay home mum	Jialat liao	Perfectionist	No manners	Queen
12	1-3	I don't know	I don't know	I don't know	I don't know	I don't know	I don't know	I don't know	I don't know
13	8+	I don't know	I have no clue	I don't know	I don't know	what??	I don't know	no clue	I don't know
14	4-6	Stingy	Square	Good job	Stay home mum	Programme champions	Girlfriend	Laughing	Mummy
15	4-6	burn	big	big	big	big	big	larf my ass off	big
16	0	Dunno	Sink	Dunno	Somehow	Dunno	A self entitled middle-age	Laughing my ass off	Dunno
17	1-3	Jealous	Store	?	?	Something to do with gar	Drama queen	Laughing my ass off	Someone
18	1-3	Envious	Tired	Good game ?	Shaking my head	??	Obnoxious self-entitled w	Laughing my ass off	Mother?
19	4-6	angry	?	?	?	?	An "auntie" who is demar	Laugh my ass off	?
20	1-3	Humour	Lose	Girl's thing	Shaking my head	Surprise	A name	Funny	Tiger
21	1-3	Jealous	Powerful?	?	?	?	?	Laughing my ass off	Naggy?
22	4-6	Idk	Meat	Idk	Idk	Idk	Idk	Laugh my ass off	Lol... is the
23	4-6	Taste how much salt	Tank ... water tank	No idea	No idea	No idea	No idea	No idea	No idea

To sift through our results, we used online resources such as dictionary.com and other sources to determine the keywords the definition should have, and looked for these specific keywords in the answers.

How often do you use slang words per day?

57 responses



We then surveyed Secondary School students aged 13-18. It was shown that everyone uses slang every day.

Salty	Tank(gaming slang)	GGWP(gaming slang)	Smh	Pogchamp	Karen
Pissed off	Dk	Good game well played	Shaking my head	Something to be Hyped a	Dk
Not happy when losing to		Good game well played	Humphh	Epic	
Upset	Very strong	Good game well played	Shake my head	Symbolises hype	A middle-aged women th
Angry at losing.	V: Soak up (damage) N:	Good game well played.	Shaking my head	Lets gooo	Old woman whos stupid
Sad when you lose and v	Someone that takes all th	Good game well played	Idk	Play of game champion	Someone who is unreas
Someone that is mad, ag	Idk	Good game when you wil	Shake my head, signaling	Pleasant surprise or surp	My english teacher
jealous or spiteful	to withstand/take upon or	good game well played	shake my head	Pogchamp indeed	a type stereotype of a m
Jelaous that i cant spell	Tank you	When u win in a game 13	Somehow why	Pogchamp is chess ma d	White old ladies with the
not happy	strong	good game well played	annoyed	celebrating, happy	self righteous person
Jeolous, not satisfied	Take blame	Good Game well played	Shake my head	dunno	dunno
Someone being unhappy	Idk	Idk	Somehow	Idk	Annoying woman who a
Unsportmanlike and grun	A large and wellbuilt guy	Good game, well played	Shaking my head	Signals something being	Someone who complain
like being bitter when u lo	can take a lot of damage	good game well played	somehow	da meme anime stuff wor	an older women who wa
吃不到葡萄说葡萄酸	A character with very high	Good game, well played.	Shaking my head.	An exclamation of exciter	A mocking term for an e
Sore loser	Verb - block, Noun - High	Gd game well played	Shaking my head	Something like mvp or if	Idk
Sore loser	high hp in a game	good game	shake my head	meme	a middle aged woman b
Upset about losing	Big fat damage taker	Haha I won noob	Ayy you damn stupid leh	tf	Worst sugar mummy to l
ez win to sore loser	The fat dude who takes ti	good game well played	N shaking my head at how	POGGGGGGGGERRRR	some goddamn female v
Sarcastic	A character or pawn that			ryuko-	A person who wants eve
不服气	I don't play games	I don't play games	?	?	An irritating person usua
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We tested the teenagers on the same words, and filtered the answers the same way. From our results, we can tell that due to the generational gap, many parents do not understand the common slang words teenagers do. Thus we find the need for such a guide.

Gathering definitions

A main concern of determining the meanings of such slang words would be that people would mistake us for having the authority giving the meanings to these words. Thus in order to have an ethical way to pinpoint the meaning of the words, we made an Instagram account where we shared the meanings of some words, and also asked the viewers what they thought the meaning of a slang word was.



The account had about 150 followers with about 40 people liking every post. Thus, for certain words, we could use our followers' opinions to place a meaning on the word via the comments section. For certain words, we used online resources to determine the

definitions for the slang word.

The screenshot shows the Merriam-Webster website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'GAMES & QUIZZES', 'THESAURUS', 'WORD OF THE DAY', 'FEATURES', and 'SHOP'. A search bar contains the text 'no shit'. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Dictionary' and 'Thesaurus'. A banner for 'UOB THE ONE ACCOUNT' is visible. The main content area displays the word 'no shit' as an idiom, with a 'Save Word' button. The definition is given as 'informal + offensive' and includes two examples: '—used to show that one is surprised or impressed by what has been said // "They got married." "No shit!"' and '—often used in an ironic way when someone makes an obvious statement // "It's cold out there." "No shit."' To the right, there is a Dell advertisement showing laptops with discount tags for 30%, 48%, and 21% off.

Some resources we used included Dictionary.com, and cyberdefinitions.com. Since the nature of slang is largely determined by the community, we had to take into account community posts such as quora and wikipedia especially those posted by the public; thus, we would be able to gain more information on certain slang words. We checked 2 to 3 websites, a mix of both community driven websites and professional websites such as dictionaries so that we have opinions of both experts and the public.



Jamie "Rainex" Shim, Played since Season 4, now a theorist and a pseudo-coach.



Answered December 17, 2018

Feeding is a term that is defined as giving kills to the enemy team by dying multiple times. Its gaming definition is relatable to the actual meaning: giving someone food and water. In gaming, it's giving an enemy money and power, although *feeding isn't a good thing*.

Intentional is as it is defined: doing something on purpose.

Therefore, **intentionally feeding** (or int for short) is a player purposely dying to enemies multiple times.

But why do people do this in League?

Here are some possible reasons:

1. Sadism - If that player doesn't perform well, he/she would want others to lose with that player in a

... (more)



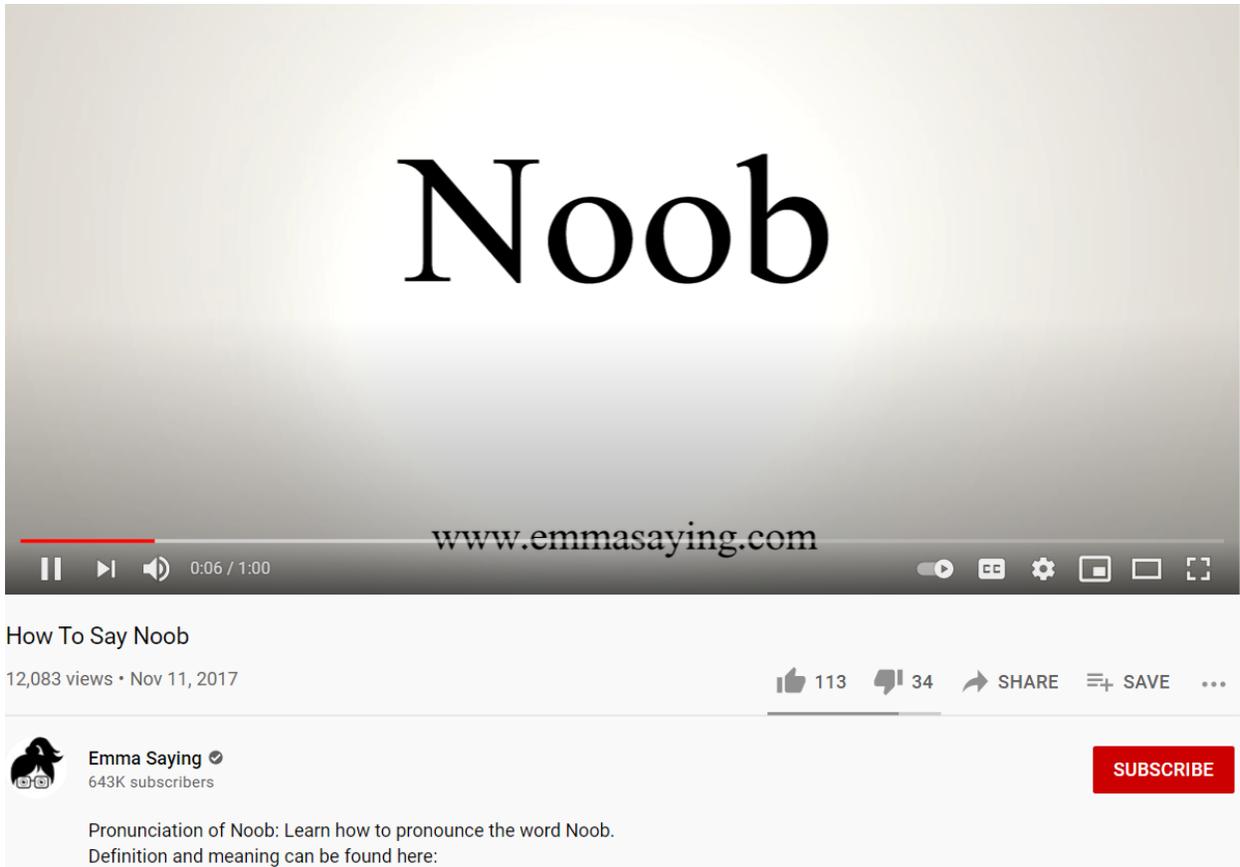
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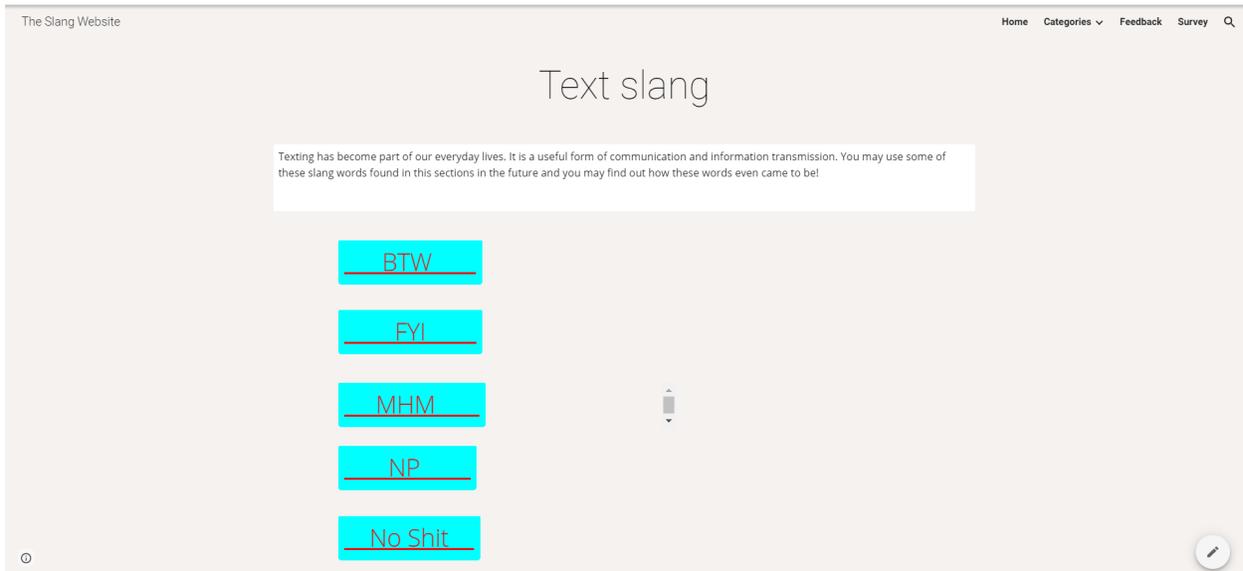
For pronunciation, we had to find an audio and the main way of doing so was through YouTube videos. Popular accounts such as Emma Saying and Collins A-Z were used in the process. We took note of their pronunciation and recorded our own. For certain abbreviations, we only pronounced out the respective letters.



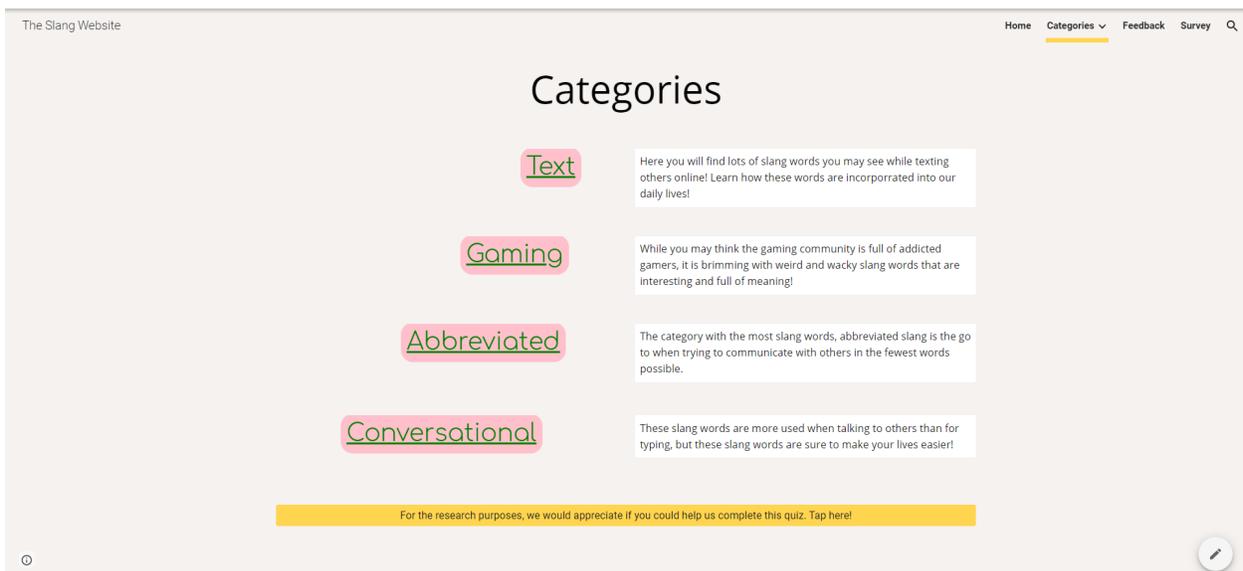
Creating the product

After collecting all the required information, we used Google sites to make our website. Even though Google Sites is not very user friendly as customization is limited, we added definitions in collapsible rows and pictures together with it. To make it more user friendly, we embedded our own buttons with our own code. For audio, we recorded the pronunciation with WhatsApp and uploaded the file to the sites. The website also has a search function built into the site.

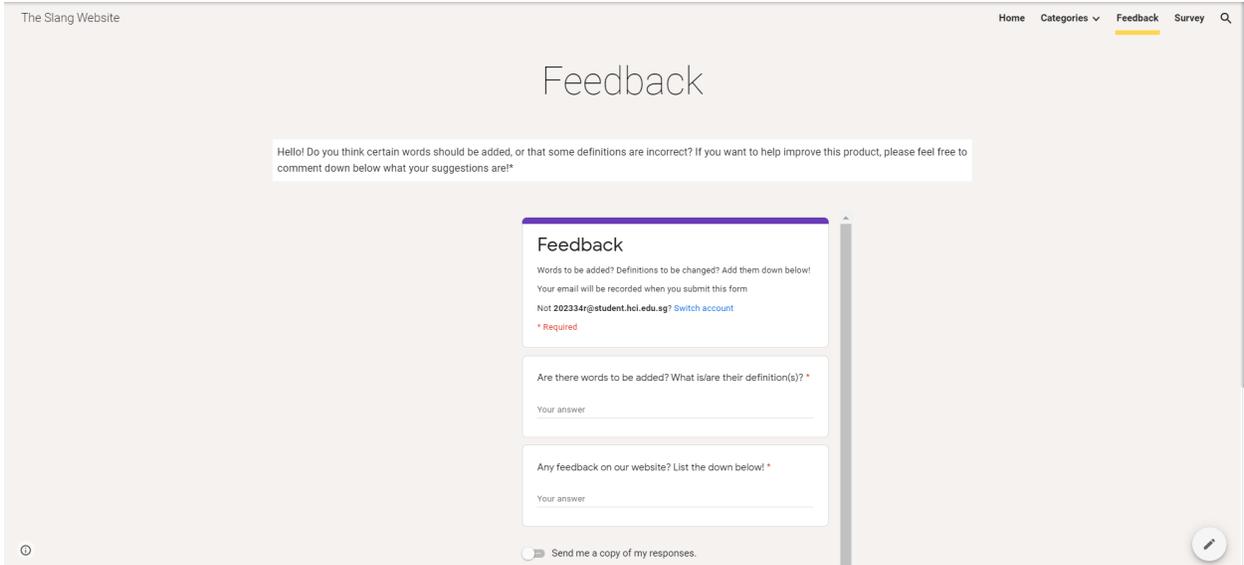
We have 4 category pages (Gaming, Text, Abbreviated, Conversational) each with all the buttons linking them to the words.



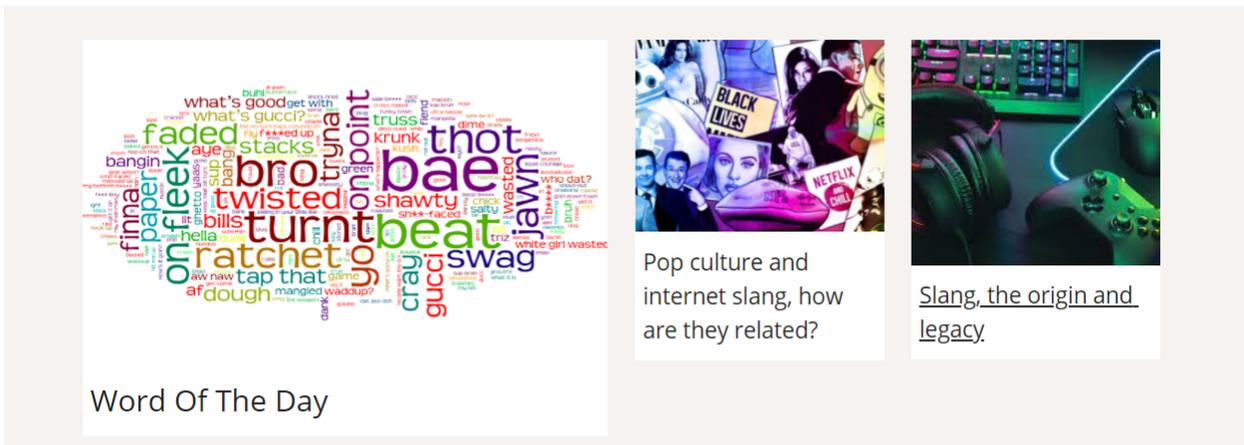
There is also an overall home page with all the different categories included.



We included a feedback form in order to gain feedback and advice.

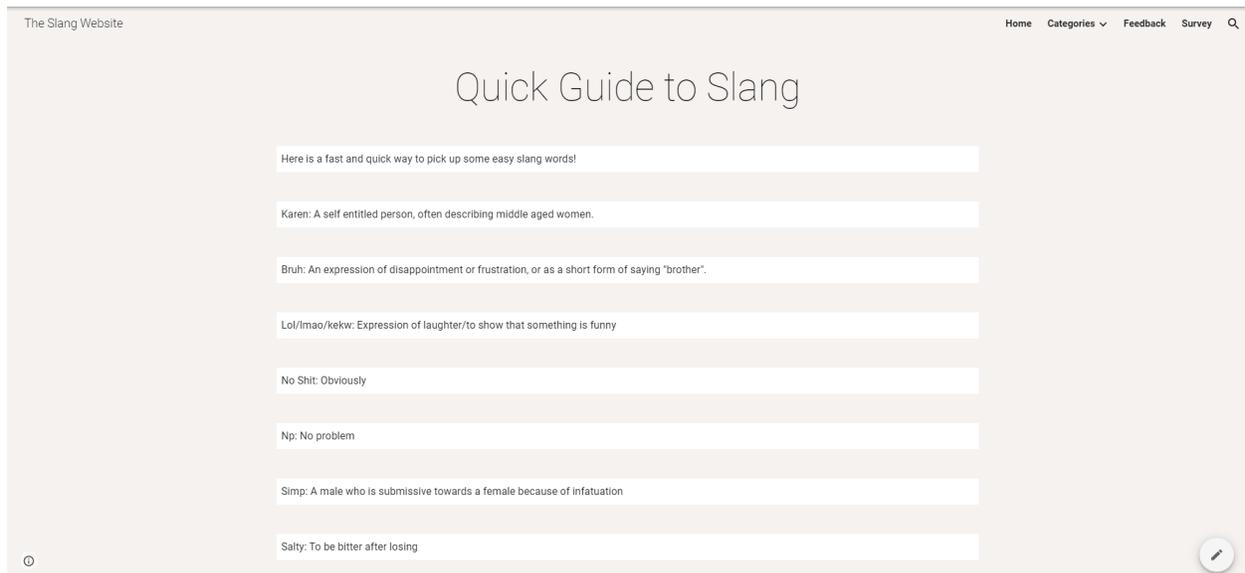


Apart from that, there are several pages with additional information about these slang words to increase the user's knowledge of the slang words.



Finally, there is a quickfire guide to slang words, which is a simple list of words and their definitions, for people who do not have much time and just want to quickly find the

definition of a word.



Pilot test

Once we completed our website, we had to share it with others for a pilot test. We sent it to the parents of teenagers. In our pilot test, we included a form and requested for the parents to look through the website and surveyed them whether they found our website useful. Other than asking them for the usefulness of our website, we also included a short quiz on some of the slang words used in the website. In the quiz, we added 6 out of the 9 of the words used in the last survey. We added 3 new words mentioned in the website to make it more interesting, as well as to see whether they could answer the questions correctly with the help of the website.

Limitations

Google Sites is not very customisable and not very user friendly. The website user interface looks simple to create but repetitive, as each page looks similar to each other. However this can be improved by including external media, such as photos and videos. Google Sites is also displayed differently on the phone and computer. We knew our audience would most likely be using their phone. For certain parts of our websites, the limited screen size of the phone would cause certain buttons to be distorted ; and while the audio can be played on the computer, it may not be so on the phone as the user

either cannot hear the audio, or the audio file will redirect the user to google drive, an app some users may not have. Such limitations were unavoidable due to Google Sites being unable to be edited using phones, thus a small number of features would not be displayed properly.

Outcome and Discussion

Results of pilot test

Bruh	Lmao	Pog	SMH	GGWP	Tank	FYI	OK boomer
Brother	Lol	Pork	Alya	well done	game	for your information	I dont care
Why leh	Haha	hype	somehow	good game	strong	for your info	Ok
Brother	Laugh my a** off	Good	somehow	good game well played	game character	for ur info	ok old people
Brother	funny	very good	somehow	good game	strong	for your info	i dont know
bra	lol	I don't know	somehow	good game well played	I dont know	i dont know	
Brother	Laugh my a** off	PogChamp, hype	Smack My Head	Good Game Well Played	Strong character	For your information	I don't care attitude
annoyed	laughing	very good	annoyed	good game well played	strong person	for your info	i dont know
brother	lol	very good	smack my head	good game well played	lose	for your info	dont care
brother	expressing laughter	don't know	shaking my head	good game	military vehicle	for your info	disappointment?
disappointment, brother	laugh my ass off	play of the game	shake my head	good game well played	game character that soak for your information		dismissal
Brother	Laugh my ass off	Good	smack my head	Well done	Do everything	For your info	Anyway ok
disappointment	laughing my butt off	player of the game	shaking my head	good game well play	character with health	for your info	dismissing someone
Brother, disappointment	Laugh my ass off, expres	play of the game	shake my head, disappoi	good game well played	a character that can absc for your information		dismissing others
Brother	Laughing my ass off	Express excitement	Shaking my head	Good game well played	Help do most of the work	For your info	Use for mocking attitud
Brother	Laughing my ass out	Not sure	Not sure	Not sure	Shield	For you information	Someone old
Expression of disappointi	In response to something	(tdk)	Shake my head	Good game well played	Someone who takes on e	For your information	Said in response to st
brother	Laugh my ass off	to express excitement wt	Shaking my head, expres	Good game well played	Someone doing most of t	For your info	To call out to dismiss c
brother	laughter	excitement	Smack my head	Good Game Well Played	A person who does most	For your info	to dismiss close-minds
Bro	Laugh my ass out	Play of the game	Shake my head	Good game well played	Hardening tanker	For your info	Slang
expressing disappointme	laughing my butt off	play of the game	shaking my head	good game well played	player with health	for your info	dismissing tone
annoyance	laugh my ass off	-	shake my head	good game	-	for your information	dismissing someone
brother	laugh my ass off	play of the game	shake my head	good game well played	soak up damage	for your info	dismissing a person

Most participants got the answers correct. This shows that our website successfully helps users understand the meanings of the aforementioned slang words. However, we noticed that certain slang words had a much higher error rate than others, including SMH and OK Boomer. From the users' feedback, we got a few major replies. Users suggested making it simpler, filling up empty spaces and making it more user friendly as the website will redirect people into new tabs

Otherwise, most users felt it was interesting and useful.

Changes

We decided to make a section for slang words that are commonly used wrongly such as SMH. This is to prevent misunderstandings from occurring due to the wrong use of slang words. We added pictures and changed the layout of our website so everything seemed neater and easier to read. However, we could not change how the website redirected

users as we did not see this problem until the late stages of the process. Making a new website was not viable.

Conclusion

The making of our product has been difficult due to the subjectivity of slang. However, we tried our best to take into account the community's and experts' perspectives so that we could form a commonly agreed on definition and origin of a slang word. From there, we used our coding knowledge to create a meaningful website for parents to use. The project has been interesting for everyone and we hope parents would use our website if they ever need to find a quick definition of a slang word.

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