

SLANG: @ me, or @ me next time

DEFINITION: Don't be vague and say something behind my back. Just call me out and tell me to my face next time.

ORIGIN: Started on Twitter, where putting @ and then a user's handle would direct a tweet to them.

EXAMPLE: Mom: "Someone forgot to take the dog out."

Kid: "Ugh, Mom, just @ me next time."

SLANG: Bet

DEFINITION: For sure; or you agree.

ORIGIN: Likely from the phrase "you bet."

EXAMPLE: Friend 1: "Hey, I'm gonna take off."
Friend 2: "Bet."

SLANG: Bop

DEFINITION: A song that's so good, you have to bounce to it a little (or bop to it).

ORIGIN: Dates back to "bebop" from the 40s, but is more associated with the literal response to a good song.

EXAMPLE: "I love this new SHINee song! It's such a bop."

SLANG: Boujee

DEFINITION: Something that's really extravagant, or someone who likes fancy things.

ORIGIN: From the term "bourgeoisie," which historically referred to the wealthy and materialistic middle class.

EXAMPLE: "Ugh, bringing a steak to lunch is so boujee."

SLANG: Extra

DEFINITION: Someone who tries too hard or requires too much; can also refer to something that is over-the-top.

ORIGIN: From the actual meaning of the word "extra."

EXAMPLE: "I can't stand how much energy she has all the time. She's so extra."

SLANG: Finna

DEFINITION: Going to do something.

ORIGIN: From the phrase "fixing to," or "I'm fixing to do something."

EXAMPLE: "I'm finna be late, sorry."

SLANG: G.O.A.T.

DEFINITION: Stands for Greatest Of All Time.

ORIGIN: The day when acronyms became popular.

EXAMPLE: "Oh, yes, I love that girl. She's the GOAT."

SLANG: Highkey

DEFINITION: To be really interested in something, and wanting everyone to know it. (Opposite of lowkey.)

ORIGIN: Popularity really spiked when Drake used highkey in a song.

EXAMPLE: "I highkey want to go get some fro yo right now. Is that weird?"

SLANG: **Left me on read**

DEFINITION: When someone reads a text but doesn't respond to it.

ORIGIN: With the ability to send read receipts on texts, people can see when you read their text, and know if you don't respond, or leave them "on read."

EXAMPLE: "I can't believe she left me on read after we just had that whole conversation."

SLANG: **Lit**

DEFINITION: Really cool or fun. Can also refer to being drunk.

ORIGIN: Started over 100 years ago as slang for being intoxicated, and now it's back.

EXAMPLE: "This party is lit!"

SLANG: **Lowkey**

DEFINITION: Kinda; can also mean something that you want to keep secret. (Opposite of highkey.)

ORIGIN: Though it was added to slang 10 years ago, it has only recently become more popular.

EXAMPLE: "I lowkey wanna jump in that pool right now."

SLANG: **Sis**

DEFINITION: Friend. Usually used at the beginning of a dramatic story.

ORIGIN: From the slang version of "sister," or friend.

EXAMPLE: "Sis, you don't even know. I'm about to spill some tea."

SLANG: **Shook**

DEFINITION: Taken aback; rattled to the core.

ORIGIN: Possibly from the phrase "I'm all shook up," which has been around for a while.

EXAMPLE: "This intense documentary about poverty in America has me shook."

SLANG: **Smol**

DEFINITION: Small.

ORIGIN: Texting lingo, and possibly Twitter.

EXAMPLE: "Look at that smol bean [referring to a cute band member], he's so cute!"

SLANG: **Wild**

DEFINITION: Crazy, or exciting. Can also be meant sarcastically.

ORIGIN: Has been around for about 70 years, but is really taking root now.

EXAMPLE: "I can't believe you beat your fastest record; that is wild."

SLANG: **Woke**

DEFINITION: Awake to political or social issues in the world.

ORIGIN: An African American political term that refers to someone's awareness of racial justice.

EXAMPLE: "She's so woke, she's got a YouTube channel to educate everybody else."