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Language, Memory, Vocabulary McGraw-Hill Education

Is American English in decline? Are regional dialects dying out? Is there a difference between men and women in how they adapt to linguistic variations? These questions, and more, about our language catapulted Robert MacNeil and William Cran—the authors (with Robert McCrum) of the language classic *The Story of English*—across the country in search of the answers. Do You Speak American? is the tale of their discoveries, which provocatively show how the standard for American English—if a standard exists—is changing quickly and dramatically. On a journey that takes them from the Northeast, through Appalachia and the Deep South, and west to California, the authors observe everyday verbal interactions and in a host of interviews with native speakers glean the linguistic quirks and traditions characteristic of each area. While examining the histories and controversies surrounding both written and spoken American English, they address anxieties and assumptions that, when explored, are highly emotional, such as the growing influence of Spanish as a threat to American English and the special treatment of African-American vernacular English. And, challenging the purists who think grammatical standards are in serious deterioration and that media saturation of our culture is homogenizing our speech, they surprise us with unpredictable responses. With insight and wit, MacNeil and Cran bring us a compelling book that is at once a celebration and a potent study of our singular language. Each wave of immigration has brought new words to enrich the American language. Do you recognize the origin of 1. blunderbuss, sleigh, stoop, coleslaw, boss, waffle? Or 2. dumb, ouch, shyster, check, kaput, scram, bumper? Or 3. phooey, pastrami, glitch, kibbitz, schnozzle? Or 4. broccoli, espresso, pizza, pasta, macaroni, radio? Or 5. smithereens, lollapalooza, speakeasy, hooligan? Or 6. vamoose, chaps, stampede, mustang, ranch, corral? 1. Dutch 2. German 3. Yiddish 4. Italian 5. Irish 6. Spanish

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The three volumes of Green's Dictionary of Slang demonstrate the sheer scope of a lifetime of research by Jonathon Green, the leading slang lexicographer of our time. A remarkable collection of this often reviled but endlessly fascinating area of the English language, it covers slang from the past five centuries right up to the present day, from all the different English-speaking countries and regions. Every word and phrase is authenticated by genuine and fully-referenced citations of its use, giving the work a level of authority and scholarship unmatched by any other publication in this field. Green's Dictionary of Slang is a groundbreaking work. Quite simply, it is the most authoritative and comprehensive record of slang ever to be made available.

Jesse's Word of the Day Dell

Answers questions about etymology, meanings, grammar, style, and usage of the English language
[Rude Britannia](#) London : Chatto and Windus

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The Slang Dictionary: Caribbean and Latin American Slang Words and Phrases is just that; a dictionary of slang words translated to English. Whether for entertainment or to expand your knowledge, this reference guide has slang covered from Puerto Rico to Panama. Also includes a pronunciation guide for Standard Spanish, Caribbean Spanish and Jamaican Patois.

Themes for the Twenty-first Century Slang and Sociability In-Group Language Among College Students

Media commentators have noted a rising public tolerance to the use of rude or offensive words in modern English. John Lydon's obscene outburst on 'I'm a Celebrity...' only provoked a handful of complaints - a muted reaction compared to the furore following his use of the f-word on television twenty-eight years earlier. This timely and authoritative exploration of rudeness in modern English draws together experts from the academic world and the media - journalists, linguists, lexicographers and literary critics - and argues that rudeness is an important cultural phenomenon. Tightly edited with clear accessibly written pieces, the essays look at rudeness in: the media literature football chants street culture seaside postcards. With contributions from media figures including Tom Paulin and leading media-friendly linguists Deborah Cameron and Lynda Mugglestone, *Rude Britannia* raises concerns about linguistic and social codes, standards of decency, what is considered taboo in the public realm, constructions of bawdy, class, race, power and British identity.
[Language in the USA](#) Bloomsbury Publishing

This book continues Julie Coleman's acclaimed history of dictionaries of English slang and cant. It describes the increasingly systematic and scholarly way in which such terms were recorded and classified in the UK, the USA, Australia, and elsewhere, and the huge growth in the publication of and public appetite for dictionaries, glossaries, and guides to the distinctive vocabularies of different social groups, classes, districts, regions, and nations. Dr Coleman describes the origins of words and phrases and explores their history. By copious example she shows how they cast light on everyday life across the globe - from settlers in Canada and Australia and cockneys in London to gang-members in New York and soldiers fighting in the Boer and First World Wars - as well as on the operations of the narcotics trade and the entertainment business and the lives of those attending American colleges and British public schools. The slang lexicographers were a colourful bunch. Those featured in this book include spiritualists, aristocrats, socialists, journalists, psychiatrists, school-boys, criminals, hoboes, police officers, and a serial bigamist. One provided the inspiration for Robert Lewis Stevenson's Long John Silver. Another was allegedly killed by a pork pie. Julie Coleman's account will interest historians of language, crime, poverty, sexuality, and the criminal

underworld.

Slanguage Dictionary: Caribbean and Latin American Slang Words and Phrases National Council of Teachers

Publisher Description

Dictionary of the English Language ... Routledge

From their beginnings, campuses emerged as hotbeds of traditions and folklore. American college students inhabit a culture with its own slang, stories, humor, beliefs, rituals, and pranks. Simon J. Bronner takes a long, engaging look at American campus life and how it is shaped by students and at the same time shapes the values of all who pass through it. The archetypes of absent-minded profs, fumbling jocks, and curve-setting dweebs are the stuff of legend and humor, along with the all-nighters, tailgating parties, and initiations that mark campus tradition—and student identities. Undergraduates in their hallowed halls embrace distinctive traditions because the experience of higher education precariously spans childhood and adulthood, parental and societal authority, home and corporation, play and work. Bronner traces historical changes in these traditions. The predominant context has shifted from what he calls the “old-time college,” small in size and strong in its sense of community, to mass society’s “mega-university,” a behemoth that extends beyond any campus to multiple branches and offshoots throughout a state, region, and sometimes the globe. One might assume that the mega-university has dissolved collegiate traditions and displaced the old-time college, but Bronner finds the opposite. Student needs for social belonging in large universities and a fear of losing personal control have given rise to distinctive forms of lore and a striving for retaining the pastoral “campus feel” of the old-time college. The folkloric material students spout, and sprout, in response to these needs is varied but it is tied together by its invocation of tradition and social purpose. Beneath the veil of play, students work through tough issues of their age and environment. They use their lore to suggest ramifications, if not resolution, of these issues for themselves and for their institutions. In the process, campus traditions are keys to the development of American culture.

Slang and Sociability Univ. Press of Mississippi

Slangs are very informal or specific words that are especially used by a particular group of people and more common in spoken English. In this book, you will study and learn various common slang words, cockney rhyming slangs and internet slangs Sample This: 01 -- aardvark [n.] -- (British Slang) hard work, unpleasant tasks 02 -- abbess [n.] -- (British Slang) a woman who runs a brothel 03 -- about done [adj.] -- (British Slang) completed or finished 04 -- about right [adj.] -- (British Slang) Slightly drunk 05 -- absotively (adv.) -- (American Slang) absolutely, positively 06 -- AC/DC [adj.] -- bisexual 07 -- acid [n.] -- LSD ((Lysergic acid diethylamide) an illegal drug that affects people’s minds and causes them to see and hear things that are not really there 08 -- action [n.] -- (American Slang) the state of feeling excited 09 -- antifreeze [n.] -- (American Slang) liquor 10 -- aries [n.] -- heroin, a drug that has strong side effects 11 -- ashes [n.] -- cannabis or marijuana 12 -- aunt Mary [n.] -- cannabis or marijuana 13 -- axe [n.] -- musical instrument, especially a guitar or saxophone 14 -- axeman [n.] -- a man who plays a musical instrument, especially a guitar or saxophone 15 -- axle grease [n.] -- (British Slang) a bribe || (American Slang) butter SLANGS -- IDIOMS 01 -- a bit of all right (British Slang) -- a person that you think is very attractive in a physical way 02 -- a bit of rough

(British Slang) -- a man from a low social class who has a physical relationship with a woman of a higher social class 03 -- a cold day in hell -- the time of occurrence of an event that will never happen 04 -- a grape on the business (Australian Slang) -- a person whose presence spoils things for others COCKNEY RHYMING SLANG Rhyming slang works by taking a usual or common word and using a rhyming phrase of two or three words to replace it. The second or the last word in the rhyming phrase rhymes with the usual or common word. For instance, we can use the rhyming phrase ‘apples and pears’ in place of a common word ‘stairs’ Apples and Pears -- Stairs You can say “Apples and pears are a key part of the home.” [instead of “Stairs are a key part of the home.”] Note: Sometimes, the last word is dropped in common speech. So, you can also say, “Apples are a key part of the home.” (We dropped “and pears” from the above sentence.) Cockney Rhyming slang Cockney is a dialect of the English language. Cockney Rhyming slang is believed to have originated in the mid-19th century in the East End of London. Traditionally, a cockney is someone who lives in the East End of London. INTERNET SLANGS [Most Internet slangs are a short form of phrases but often they cannot be pronounced,] 121 -- One to One 2day -- Today 2moro -- Tomorrow 2nite -- Tonight 4EAE -- For Ever and Ever

Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases Potomac Books Incorporated

With more than 7,000 up-to-date phrases, this dictionary covers situations from talking to a doctor to ordering a meal, and helps learners communicate personal feelings, and make small talk.

[A Linguistic Description](#) Cosimo, Inc.

Polari is a secret form of language mainly used by homosexual men in London and other cities during the twentieth century. Derived in part from the slang lexicons of numerous stigmatised and itinerant groups, Polari was also a means of socialising, acting out camp performances and reconstructing a shared gay identity and worldview among its speakers. This book examines the ways in which Polari was used in order to construct 'gay identities', linking its evolution to the changing status of gay men and lesbians in the UK over the past fifty years.

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The American Heritage Dictionary Independently Published

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African American Slang OUP Oxford

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Dictionary of Slang Words: Vocabulary Building UNC Press Books

"An illustrated analytical study, *Words and the First World War* considers the situation at home, at war, and under categories such as race, gender and class to give a many-sided picture of language used during the conflict." The Spectator First World War expert Julian Walker looks at how the conflict shaped English and its relationship with other languages. He considers language in relation to mediation and authenticity, as well as the limitations and potential of different kinds of verbal communication. Walker also examines: - How language changed, and why changed language was used in communications - Language used at the Front and how the 'language of the war' was commercially exploited on the Home Front - The relationship between language, soldiers and class - The idea of the 'indescribability' of the war and the linguistic codes used to convey the experience 'Languages of the front' became linguistic souvenirs of the war, abandoned by soldiers but taken up

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The People's Poetry Nan A. Talese

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Their Correspondence Springer

This book examines literary texts by British colonial servant and settler writers, including Anthony Burgess, Graham Greene, William Golding, and Alan Sillitoe, who depicted the impact of decolonization in the newly independent colonies and at home in Britain. The end of the British Empire was one of the most significant and transformative events in twentieth-century history, marking the beginning of a new world order and having an indelible impact on British culture and society. Literary responses to this moment by those from within Britain offer an enlightening (and often overlooked) exploration of the influence of decolonization on received notions of "race" and class, while also prefiguring conceptions of multiculturalism. As Matthew Whittle argues in this sweeping study, these works not only view decolonization within its global context (alongside the aftermath of the Second World War, the rise of America, and mass immigration) but often propose a solution to imperial decline through cultural renewal.

The Great Book of American Idioms Ten Speed Press

Provides brief but carefully thought-out introductions to each section to define the mood of that historical era.