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■ Welcome to Your English Toolbox, your Slow English Podcast where we train your ears step by step. ■ I am Martin. ■ And I am Julia. ■ Thank you for being here with us today.

■ Before we start, I want to ask you a small favour. ■ If you learn something new today, please leave a comment when you finish listening. ■ Your comments are the way platforms recognise that our community is alive, active, and growing. ■ Every single comment helps us reach more learners and keeps this project strong.

■ Today we explore eight highly frequent slang expressions that native speakers use constantly. ■ You will hear them in YouTube videos, TikTok comments, gaming chats, podcasts, and everyday conversations. ■ These words move fast. ■ They change. ■ They evolve. ■ And if you do not understand them, you can feel lost, even if your grammar is perfect.

■ So our mission today is simple. ■ We slow down the slang. ■ We explain it with clear examples. ■ We use it in stories. ■ And we help you recognise it when you hear it in real life.

■ The eight expressions in today's episode are based, sus, bruh, ate, vibe, salty, flex, and down bad. ■ Each one has a different emotional flavour. ■ Some are funny. ■ Some are dramatic. ■ Some are sarcastic. ■ Some come from gaming culture. ■ Others come from Black American English, pop culture, or online communities.

■ And at the end of this episode, you will understand all of them with confidence. ■ You will also hear a long story combining all eight expressions in one narrative. ■ That story will help you remember everything naturally and easily.

■ Based is a very interesting expression. ■ It means you are saying something confidently and honestly, even if other people disagree. ■ It means you are not afraid to speak your truth.

■ If someone says, "That's based," they mean, "That's brave," or "That's true," or "I respect what you said."

■ Example. ■ You say, "I think slow learning is better than fast learning." ■ Your friend responds, "Based." ■ It means they support your opinion completely.

■ Based can also mean that something is morally grounded or aligned with good values. ■ For example. ■ "Helping beginners without judging them is so based."

■ Mini-scene. ■ Imagine you are studying English, and someone laughs at your accent. ■ You look at them and say, "I am improving every day." ■ Another person who heard you says, "Based." ■ They admire your confidence.

■ Sus means suspicious. ■ It is short, fast, and extremely common online. ■ People use sus when something feels strange, dishonest, or not quite right.

■ Example. ■ Your friend says, "I studied for ten hours today." ■ You look at him and say, "That sounds sus."

■ Another example. ■ A coworker says, "I didn't eat your lunch," but there is sauce on his shirt. ■ You whisper, "Sus."

■ Mini-scene. ■ Imagine you ask someone, "Why were you late?" ■ And they answer, "I was fighting a giant duck." ■ You look at them and say, "Bruh... that's sus." ■ And now we already used another slang word that is coming soon.

■ Bruh is a universal reaction word. ■ It is like "seriously?" or "really?" or "come on." ■ It expresses disbelief, frustration, surprise, or even admiration depending on the context.

■ Example. ■ You drop your phone for the fifth time today. ■ You say, "Bruh."

■ Example two. ■ You see an amazing sunset. ■ You say, "Bruh, look at that sky." ■ In this case, bruh means "wow."

■ Bruh can also be used when something is obviously ridiculous. ■ Example. ■ The teacher says, "This assignment is due tomorrow morning." ■ The whole class reacts with, "Bruh."

■ Mini-scene. ■ You enter your room and see your dog sitting on your laptop like a king. ■ You look at him and say, "Bruh, why?"

■ Ate is modern slang meaning someone did something extremely well. ■ It comes from the idea of "devouring" the challenge. ■ If someone "ate," they performed perfectly, confidently, beautifully.

■ Example. ■ Your friend presents a project with great energy, great structure, and a great voice. ■ Later you tell him, "You ate."

■ Example two. ■ Someone posts a dance video. ■ The comments say, "She ate," meaning she performed amazingly.

■ Mini-scene. ■ Your coworker gives a speech in English. ■ You watch, and your jaw drops because it is so good. ■ After the meeting, you smile and say, "You ate that presentation."

■ Vibe is one of the most common modern words in English. ■ A vibe is the emotional atmosphere of a person, place, or situation. ■ It can be positive or negative, calm or chaotic.

■ Example. ■ "This café has good vibes." ■ It means the place feels pleasant, relaxing, or friendly.

■ Example two. ■ "He gives me strange vibes." ■ That means the person feels a bit uncomfortable or unusual.

■ You can also vibe as a verb. ■ It means to relax, enjoy, listen to music, or just feel good in a situation.

■ Mini-scene. ■ You enter a room with soft lights, calm music, and warm colours. ■ You say, "This place is a vibe."

■ Salty means jealous, bitter, annoyed, or frustrated, usually in a funny way. ■ When someone is salty, they react dramatically to something small.

■ Example. ■ Your friend loses a game and refuses to talk. ■ You laugh and say, “Don’t be salty.”

■ Example two. ■ Someone says, “I am not angry,” but they clearly are. ■ You whisper, “Salty.”

■ Mini-scene. ■ You get a promotion at work. ■ Your coworker congratulates you, but their smile is fake. ■ Later your other friend says, “He was salty.”

■ Flex means to show off something proudly, usually in a fun or playful way. ■ It can be positive or teasing depending on the tone.

■ Example. ■ “She is flexing her new shoes.” ■ That means she is showing them off confidently.

■ Example two. ■ A friend says, “I only slept four hours, but I feel great.” ■ Someone replies, “We get it. ■ You are flexing.”

■ Mini-scene. ■ You cook a perfect meal and post a photo online. ■ Someone comments, “Okay chef, flex.”

■ Down bad means extremely sad, desperate, or emotionally defeated, usually because of love or rejection. ■ It is dramatic, funny, and exaggerated.

■ Example. ■ “He looked at her Instagram for two hours. ■ He is down bad.”

■ Example two. ■ “She wrote him a five-paragraph message at three in the morning. ■ She is down bad.”

■ Mini-scene. ■ You see your friend listening to sad music in the dark. ■ You ask, “Are you okay?” ■ He says, “No. ■ I am down bad.”

■ Now it is time for a full story that uses all eight slang expressions naturally. ■ This story will help the vocabulary stay in your memory.

■ Last Saturday, we went to a new café near the river. ■ The place had warm lights, soft music, and friendly energy. ■ The moment we entered, I said, “This place is a vibe.”

■ We sat down near the window, and a few minutes later, our friend Daniel arrived. ■ He looked confused, nervous, and a little chaotic. ■ I asked, “What happened?”

■ Daniel sighed and said, “I just had the weirdest morning of my life.”

■ He explained everything. ■ His date cancelled on him with a strange text message. ■ The message said, “Hey, something came up, sorry.” ■ But she was posting photos on Instagram at the same time.

■ I said, “Bruh.” ■ Julia whispered, “Sus.”

■ Daniel continued. ■ “I am not angry,” he said. ■ But his voice sounded very salty.

■ We ordered our drinks, and while we waited, Daniel showed us a video he made. ■ It was a short clip where he cooked an amazing breakfast. ■ Perfect eggs, perfect toast, perfect camera angle. ■ Julia said, “Wow, you are flexing.”

■ Daniel laughed and said, “You know what? ■ She missed out. ■ This breakfast was based.”

■ When the waiter brought our drinks, something hilarious happened. ■ The waiter accidentally tripped a little, but he recovered with style and saved all the glasses. ■ I said, “He ate.”

■ Later, we asked Daniel what he planned to do now. ■ He looked out the window dramatically. ■ He said, “Nothing. ■ I am down bad. ■ I need time to heal.”

■ Julia smiled and said, “Bruh, you are being dramatic.”

■ Suddenly, Daniel pointed outside. ■ “Wait,” he said. ■ “Is that her?”

■ We turned around and saw his date walking by. ■ She looked happy and relaxed. ■ Daniel whispered, “This is sus.”

■ We watched them meet outside the café. ■ They talked for a minute. ■ Then she laughed, touched his arm, and gave him a small gift.

■ Daniel returned to the table smiling like a teenager. ■ “What happened?” I asked.

■ Daniel said, “She apologised. ■ She explained everything. ■ And she gave me cookies.”

■ I said, “Based.”

■ Julia added, “So you are not down bad anymore?”

■ Daniel laughed and said, “No. ■ Now I am up good.”

■ The three of us smiled. ■ And the café continued to feel like a perfect vibe.

■ Let us review quickly. ■ Based means confident truth. ■ Sus means suspicious. ■ Bruh is a reaction word. ■ Ate means someone performed amazingly. ■ Vibe means emotional atmosphere. ■ Salty means bitter or jealous. ■ Flex means show off. ■ Down bad means emotionally defeated.

■ These expressions are everywhere in modern English. ■ You will hear them in short videos, podcasts, comments, and conversations. ■ Now you can understand them with confidence.

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■ Thank you for listening. ■ We will see you in Episode Three.
