

Slang Expressions Episode 2

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12 learning entries

Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

based

DEF

Boldly honest or admirable because it expresses a firm independent opinion.

Internet slang; praise can be sincere or ironic, so tone and context matter.

Saying that slow learning works better was based.

She defended the beginner, and everyone called it based.

2

sus

DEF

Suspicious or not quite believable.

A clipped, very informal form of suspicious, common online and in gaming.

That excuse sounds sus.

The message looked sus, so I did not click it.

3

bruh

DEF

A reaction expressing disbelief, frustration, surprise or admiration.

Meaning depends heavily on tone; it is very informal.

Bruh, you dropped your phone again.

Bruh, look at that sunset.

4

ate

DEF

Performed something extremely well.

Modern praise; often she ate or you ate that, and nothing to do with food.

You ate that presentation.

Her performance was flawless—she ate.

5

vibe

DEF

The emotional atmosphere or feeling created by a person, place or situation.

Informal and flexible; vibes is common, and vibe can also be a verb.

This café has a calm vibe.

He gives me strange vibes.



6

salty

DEF

Bitter, jealous or annoyed, often about something relatively small.

Informal and usually teasing rather than a serious diagnosis of emotion.

Do not be salty because you lost the game.

He sounded salty about her promotion.

7

flex

DEF

To show off something proudly.

Informal; it can be playful praise or criticism depending on tone.

She is flexing her new shoes.

Posting the perfect breakfast was a small flex.

8

down bad

DEF

Extremely sad, desperate or emotionally defeated, often because of love.

Deliberately exaggerated informal slang, usually humorous.

He listened to sad songs all night; he was down bad.

After the rejection, she was down bad for a week.

9

to show off

DEF

To display a skill or possession in order to impress other people.

An informal phrasal verb; it can be playful or mildly critical depending on tone.

She likes to show off her new shoes.

He was showing off when he posted the perfect breakfast.

10

to miss out

DEF

To lose an opportunity to enjoy or benefit from something.

Usually followed by on: miss out on an experience or opportunity.

She cancelled the date, so she missed out.

Do not miss out on the chance to practise.

11

to speak your truth

DEF

To express honestly what you believe or have experienced.

It stresses personal authenticity, not that one opinion is an objective fact.

She spoke her truth even when others disagreed.

Speak your truth without attacking anyone.



12

something came up

DEF

An unexpected situation appeared and changed the plan.

A natural, deliberately vague explanation for cancelling or being delayed.

Sorry, something came up and I cannot meet tonight.

She was late because something came up at work.

