

FIELD ASSIGNMENT #2

SLANG

Collect ten (or more!) current slang words and phrases. You have the following options:

- (1) write down terms that you know yourself;
- (2) collect terms from friends or even strangers (e.g. in the cafeteria).

If you are not a native speaker of English, you may either collect terms from native English speakers or else use slang from your own language.

The items you select may be in one subject area (e.g., 10 slang words for getting drunk), or they may pertain to all different subjects. They may be offensive or inoffensive, depending on your own taste in the matter.

Write a brief introduction to your collection. In it, state where these slang terms are from (e.g. "these are terms my friends and I used as highschool students in LA"; or "these are Cajun slang words I collected from a friend of mine who belongs to a zydeco band"), and how you collected them (e.g., "I knew them myself", or "I collected them by listening to football players calling from the sidelines during a game and writing down the slang words I could identify, and then later interviewed them to make sure of their meanings"). State anything else that is relevant about the slang collection as a whole -- what language they are in, what the subject matter is, etc.

For each term, please write the following (be sure to find out about all these if you are collecting the terms from other people):

1. the word (or phrase)
2. meaning
3. at least one sample sentence using the term
4. group that uses it (highschool students, college students, football players, chicano boy's clubs, whatever)
5. (optional: other comments about the word's history, etymology, usage, etc.)