

Let's talk about slang!

(if you don't know what "slang" is, you'll find out below!)

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1 / Introduction

At the beginning, we see a big gate and people waiting.

What place is behind the gate? It's H.....

What is Saint Peter's problem? Hen't understand the young man's language.

Saint Peter says the newcomer's vocabulary is "....." because the young man uses "slang" expressions, but what's "slang" in French?

a) des gros mots

b) du verlan

c) de l'argot

d) du patois

2 / Slang expressions: listen. First, complete with the right words. Then, tick what the right meaning is.

1) "I _____ born with a silver spoon in my _____."

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| I had a good education | I was born far away |
| My family was rich | I did not eat every day |

2) "I _____ up with the _____."

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| I lived in the country | I got up very early |
| I spent a lot of time sleeping | I didn't like city life |

3) "I _____ beside myself with _____."

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| I could not control myself | I met a dangerous man |
| I sat down | I went to a clinic |

d) "Mary's clothes fit her _____ a glove."

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| Mary was wearing winter clothes | She love elegant dresses |
| Mary had an expensive dress | Mary looked very pretty |

e) "Finally, she _____ me a date."

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| Mary and I had lunch together | Mary accepted to marry me |
| She loved fruit and so did I | Mary and I had a romantic meeting |

f) "Mary (...) _____ like a horse."

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| She ate a lot of food | Mary never had meat |
| Mary loved horse meat | She was not very hungry |

g) "It sure felt good to stretch my _____..."

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| My legs were very painful | I could run very fast |
| I enjoyed being able to walk around | I refused to sit down |

h) "She wouldn't say a word. Guess the _____ got her tongue."

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| Mary loved animals | I did not like Mary's pet |
| Mary could not speak English | She refused to speak |

3. dollar = _____
4. just barely = by the skin _____
5. strange person = _____
6. somebody who is constantly following you in a n annoying way = _____
7. a lazy person who spends the bulk of their time engaged in things that can be done while sitting on a couch = _____
8. to fall asleep abruptly = to _____
9. an adjective for practicality and lack of pretense = to _____
10. a proclamation of honesty = _____
11. a metaphor for deliberately ignoring someone = _____
12. (nothing to write here) plead the fifth = references the fifth amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which allows a witness in court to refuse questions on the grounds that they risk self-incrimination
13. to make a mistake, i.e. mess up = _____
14. an adjective that describes something that is good, or nice = _____
15. an adjective that describes closeness between competitors, i.e. a tight competition = _____
16. can be used as an intransitive verb for destruction = _____
17. to finish = to _____
18. to spend time relaxing = to _____
19. car = _____
20. if you refer to someone as a babe, it means that you think they're hot and attractive = _____
21. to get caught = to _____
22. to enjoy doing something = to _____

23. complete disaster = _____

4/ Slang with quizlet

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Now complete the sentence with some of the Quizlet slang words or expressions

A _____ is someone who spends hours and hours watching TV and eating too much.

My boss ignored me and gave me the _____.

Young people sometimes say « _____ » instead of « car ».

I'm so bad at maths that my ast exam was an _____ fail !

The party was so cool we really _____ a blast !

In slang, to destroy something becomes to « _____ ».

You won the lottery ? Are you serious ? Is it for _____ ?

My sister told me that stupid boy keeps following her. What a _____ !

The police tried to catch him but he escaped by the _____ of his _____