

## Let's talk about slang!

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

### TEX AVERY – SYMPHONY IN SLANG (1951)

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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? He .....n'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 \_\_\_\_\_."

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 \_\_\_\_\_."

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 \_\_\_\_\_."

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."

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

e) "Finally, she \_\_\_\_\_ me a date."

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."

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 \_\_\_\_\_..."

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."

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

i) "We \_\_\_\_\_ down and chewed the rag a while."

We had some delicious food	We talked about ordinary things
We became good friends	We had a fight

j) "Outside it was \_\_\_\_\_ cats and dogs."

There were lots of animals outside	Animals were very noisy
It was raining hard	Mary and I were in a dangerous situation

k) "So, all this struck me so funny, I \_\_\_\_\_ laughing!"

I laughed so much I had a heart attack	I realized I had to see a doctor
I could not stop laughing	I was not afraid to die

### 3 / More slang expressions with Marina

Large empty box for writing.

1. to leave abruptly = to \_\_\_\_\_

2. to feel sad = to \_\_\_\_\_

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 last 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 \_\_\_\_\_