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Bourdieu Linguistic Capital, Goffman Context Collapse, Moral Panics & Digital Third Places in Contemporary Slang (CC BY 4.0)

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Abstract & Scope

Examines contemporary slang, subcultural argot, and algorithmic sociolects through sociological theory (Pierre Bourdieu linguistic capital, Erving Goffman context collapse and code-switching, Stanley Cohen moral panics, and Ray Oldenburg digital third places). Designed for undergraduate sociology departments, cultural studies seminars, and digital ethnography courses.

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1. 10th dentist - [Internet essentials | informal]

10th dentist: person who holds an unpopular opinion. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/10th-dentist>

2. AI slop (aliases: slop, AI-generated slop) - [Digital culture | Critical derogatory]

Low-quality AI-generated material, especially output produced in volume with little concern for accuracy, coherence, or usefulness. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/ai-slop>

3. algospeak (aliases: algo-speak, algorithm speak) - [Digital culture | Platform culture descriptive]

Altered words, spellings, euphemisms, or symbols people use because they believe platform algorithms may restrict the original wording. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/algospeak>

4. anxious attachment - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

A relationship pattern marked by hyper-vigilance toward text reply times, fear of abandonment, and frequent need for reassurance. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/anxious-attachment>

5. astroturfing - [Digital culture | informal conversational]

Coordinated marketing or campaigning disguised as spontaneous grassroots enthusiasm from ordinary internet users. | Regions: US, UK, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/astroturfing>

6. ate (aliases: ate that, ate and left no crumbs, left no crumbs) - [Internet essentials | Enthusiastic praise]

Performed brilliantly, looked excellent, or completely delivered. "Ate and left no crumbs" intensifies the compliment. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/ate>

7. aura (aliases: aura points, aura loss, negative aura) - [Internet essentials | Playful evaluative]

An impression of coolness, confidence, or striking presence. "Aura points" turn that impression into a joking, imaginary score. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/aura>

8. aura farming (aliases: aura farm, aura farmer) - [Internet essentials | Admiring or teasing]

Cultivating an effortlessly cool image through a pose, gesture, performance, or carefully timed moment. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/aura-farming>

9. avoidant attachment - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

A relationship pattern where closeness triggers a need for distance, slow replies, and emotional self-sufficiency. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/avoidant-attachment>

10. baleet - [Internet essentials | informal]

baleet: delete or permanently erase. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/baleet>

11. based - [Internet essentials | informal]

based: praiseworthy despite being unpopular or controversial. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/based>

12. beige flag - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

An odd, quirky, or mildly boring habit in a partner or dating profile that is neither a toxic red flag nor a green flag. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/beige-flag>

13. benching - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Keeping a romantic prospect on standby with occasional friendly texts while actively dating other people. | Regions: US, UK, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/benching>

14. bestagon - [Internet essentials | informal]

bestagon: superior hexagonal shape among polygons. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/bestagon>

15. bet (aliases: aight bet) - [Internet essentials | Casual affirmative]

"Okay," "agreed," "sounds good," or "challenge accepted." The tone depends on what the speaker is responding to. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/bet>

16. blam - [Internet essentials | informal]

blam: spam posted on a blog page. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/blam>

17. brain rot (aliases: brainrot, brain-rotted, brain rot content) - [Internet essentials | Critical or self-mocking]

Low-value, repetitive online content, or the feeling of being mentally saturated by it. Also a joking name for an intense fandom obsession. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/brain-rot>

18. breadcrumbing - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Sending sporadic, non-committal messages or likes just often enough to keep someone emotionally invested without intending a relationship. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/breadcrumbing>

19. cancel culture - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Collective social withdrawal of support from a public figure or brand following an offensive statement or boundary violation. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/cancel-culture>

20. canon event (aliases: canon events) - [Social & memes | Storytelling metaphor often ironic]

A formative experience jokingly treated as an unavoidable part of someone's personal storyline, often embarrassing or difficult. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/canon-event>

21. cap - [Internet essentials | informal]

cap: a false claim or exaggeration. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/cap>

22. capping - [Internet essentials | informal]

capping: the act of lying or exaggerating. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/capping>

23. caught in 4K - [Internet essentials | informal conversational]

Caught red-handed with undeniable digital evidence such as a screenshot, screen recording, or public like. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/caught-in-4k>

24. Chad - [Internet essentials | Admiring, ironic or status-focused]

An internet archetype of a highly attractive, sexually successful man; in a meme, the label can express exaggerated admiration or contrast. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/chad>

25. chronically online (aliases: terminally online, extremely online) - [Digital culture | Critical or self-mocking]

So immersed in internet culture or disputes that your references, assumptions, or priorities seem disconnected from ordinary offline experience. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/chronically-online>

26. cleanfluencer - [Social & memes | context-dependent]

cleanfluencer: home cleaning online influencer. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/cleanfluencer>

27. clickbait (aliases: click bait, click-bait) - [Social & memes | Critical publishing language]

A headline, thumbnail, or piece of content built to win clicks, often by withholding the point, exaggerating, or misleading. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/clickbait>

28. clout chasing - [Internet essentials | informal conversational]

Pursuing attention, viral metrics, or status by attaching oneself to trending topics, drama, or popular creators. | Regions: US, UK, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/clout-chasing>

29. code-switching - [People & relationships | informal conversational]

Shifting between linguistic registers, dialects, or sociolects depending on the social group, setting, or power dynamic. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/code-switching>

30. context collapse - [Digital culture | informal conversational]

When multiple distinct audiences-such as family, coworkers, and close friends-simultaneously see a message meant for one group. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/context-collapse>

31. cooked (aliases: we are cooked, i'm cooked, am I cooked) - [Internet essentials | Dramatic usually negative]

In serious trouble, exhausted, defeated, or beyond an easy fix. "Am I cooked?" asks whether the situation is hopeless. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/cooked>

32. crash out - [Internet essentials | Anger-related slang / ambiguous]

To lose control in anger or act recklessly with serious consequences; separately, to fall asleep from exhaustion, fail or be eliminated. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/crash-out>

33. cringe - [Internet essentials | context-dependent]

cringe: feel embarrassed, disgusted, or fearful. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/cringe>

34. cringey - [Internet essentials | context-dependent]

In plain English, "cringey": embarrassing. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/cringey>

35. cushioning - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Maintaining flirty text threads with backup crushes to soften the blow in case a primary relationship ends. | Regions: US, UK, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/cushioning>

36. dead internet theory (aliases: dead Internet theory) - [Digital culture | Theory / meme not established fact]

The idea that much online activity is automated or artificial rather than human; stronger versions make unsupported claims that most of the internet is fake. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/dead-internet-theory>

37. delulu (aliases: delulu is the solulu) - [Internet essentials | Playful can be dismissive]

An exaggerated, informal version of "delusional": unrealistically hopeful, imagining a connection, or choosing confidence over the available evidence. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/delulu>

38. dog whistle - [People & relationships | informal conversational]

Coded phrasing that sounds ordinary to a general audience while carrying a targeted secondary signal to a specific subgroup. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/dog-whistle>

39. doomscrolling (aliases: doomscroll, doom scrolling, doom-scrolling, doomscrolls) - [Social & memes | Informal digital habits]

Continuing to scroll through distressing news or negative posts, often longer than you intended. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/doomscrolling>

40. dope - [Internet essentials | informal]

dope: really awesome, very cool. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/dope>

41. echo chamber - [Digital culture | informal conversational]

A closed social or algorithmic environment where participants encounter only beliefs and slang that reinforce their existing views. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/echo-chamber>

42. finfluencer - [Social & memes | informal]

finfluencer: influencer who gives advice on financial investments. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/finfluencer>

43. fire - [Internet essentials | informal]

In plain English, "fire": awesome. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/fire>

44. future faking - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Making grand promises about future trips, milestones, or commitment early in dating to create instant intimacy without follow-through. | Regions: US, UK, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/future-faking>

45. gaslighting - [People & relationships | informal conversational]

Manipulating someone into doubting their own memory, perception, or sanity-though often used loosely online to mean any disagreement. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/gaslighting>

46. gatekeeping - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Controlling or restricting who is allowed to claim membership, authenticity, or status within a subculture or hobby. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/gatekeeping>

47. ghosting (aliases: ghosted, ghost someone) - [People & relationships | Informal relationships and contact]

Ending or abandoning an ongoing connection by stopping communication without an explanation. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/ghosting>

48. glazing (aliases: glaze) - [Internet essentials | Disapproving or self-mocking praise label]

Giving someone or something excessive praise; the label suggests the admiration is over the top, unwarranted or annoying. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/glazing>

49. goated - [Internet essentials | informal praise]

A slang description for someone or something considered the greatest of all time or the best. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/goated>

50. green flag (aliases: green flags, greenflag) - [People & relationships | Approving reassuring]

An encouraging sign that someone or something may be trustworthy, compatible, or worth pursuing. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/green-flag>

51. hallucination - [Digital culture | context-dependent]

hallucination: confident but incorrect AI response. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/hallucination>

52. hard launch - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Announcing a new romantic partner unmistakably on social media with a clear, full-face photo and tagged profile. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/hard-launch>

53. haunting - [People & relationships | context-dependent]

haunting: hard to forget, staying in the mind. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/haunting>

54. highkey (aliases: high-key, high key, highk) - [Internet essentials | Emphatic openly stated]

"Really," "openly," or "without trying to play it down." It turns an opinion or feeling into a more direct declaration. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/highkey>

55. hivemind - [Internet essentials | informal conversational]

Rapid collective agreement in an online forum where thousands of users adopt the same joke, phrasing, or opinion simultaneously. | Regions: US, UK, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/hivemind>

56. hyperfixation - [Internet essentials | informal conversational]

Complete, all-consuming absorption in a single topic, hobby, song, or research question for days or weeks at a time. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/hyperfixation>

57. ick (aliases: the ick) - [People & relationships | Informal aversion]

A feeling or expression of disgust or aversion. "The ick" can describe a reaction that makes someone suddenly feel put off. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/ick>

58. in-group - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

A social circle or subculture whose members share identity markers, insider vocabulary, and mutual recognition. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/in-group>

59. let him cook - [Internet essentials | informal conversational]

Give someone space to finish their unconventional idea, argument, or creative attempt before judging the outcome. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/let-him-cook>

60. locked in (aliases: lock in, locking in, locked-in) - [Internet essentials | Focused motivational]

Fully focused and committed to a task. "Time to lock in" means it is time to stop distractions and concentrate. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/locked-in>

61. looksmaxxing - [Internet essentials | Appearance-focused community vocabulary]

Trying to improve physical appearance, especially within online communities that frame attractiveness as a competitive status or dating advantage. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/looksmaxxing>

62. lore (aliases: lore drop, personal lore) - [Social & memes | Storytelling often playful]

The background story and accumulated details of a fictional world, community, or person. A "lore drop" reveals a new piece of that backstory. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/lore>

63. love bombing - [People & relationships | context-dependent]

love bombing: manipulative over affection tactic. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/love-bombing>

64. lowkey (aliases: low-key, low key, lowk, lowk) - [Internet essentials | Understated informal]

"Kind of," "quietly," or "I am admitting this without making a big deal of it." A low-key event is also relaxed or understated. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/lowkey>

65. main character energy (aliases: main-character energy) - [Social & memes | Admiring or critical]

A confident, cinematic sense of being the protagonist of the moment; sometimes a criticism of acting as if everyone else is a supporting character. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/main-character-energy>

66. masking - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Consciously suppressing natural reactions or exhaustion in order to appear calm, outgoing, and socially conventional. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/masking>

67. mewing - [Internet essentials | Appearance-trend vocabulary / ambiguous]

A tongue-posture practice pursued with the aim of changing jaw or facial appearance; also the ordinary act of making a mew sound. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/mewing>

68. mid - [Internet essentials | Dismissive evaluative]

Mediocre, underwhelming, or not worth the hype. Usually a criticism, even though it literally suggests the middle. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/mid>

69. mogging - [Internet essentials | Comparative / appearance-ranking slang]

Outshining or appearing superior to someone, especially in perceived physical attractiveness; a subjective comparison rather than an objective score. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/mogging>

70. moral panic - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Widespread public anxiety that a new youth subculture, slang register, or media trend threatens social order. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/moral-panic>

71. no cap (aliases: nocap, no capping) - [Internet essentials | Informal emphatic]

"Honestly," "for real," or "I am not exaggerating." Cap means a lie or an exaggeration in this slang context. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/no-cap>

72. normie - [Internet essentials | informal conversational]

A person with mainstream tastes and offline habits who is unfamiliar with niche internet subcultures or deep meme lore. | Regions: US, UK, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/normie>

73. orbiting - [People & relationships | informal]

orbiting: stopping direct contact while still watching or interacting online. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/orbiting>

74. people pleasing - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Habitually prioritizing others' comfort and agreement over one's own boundaries to avoid conflict or disapproval. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/people-pleasing>

75. periodt - [Internet essentials | informal]

periodt: that's final, no debate allowed. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry:
<https://slanglane.com/terms/periodt>

76. pocket watching - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Obsessively monitoring or speculating about how much money another person makes or how they afford their lifestyle. | Regions: US, UK, Online | Canonical entry:
<https://slanglane.com/terms/pocket-watching>

77. pookie - [People & relationships | Affectionate, cutesy or playful]

An affectionate name for a loved person, such as a partner, friend or relative; as an address, roughly sweetheart or darling. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry:
<https://slanglane.com/terms/pookie>

78. rage bait (aliases: ragebait, rage-bait, rage baiting) - [Social & memes | Critical media language]

Content designed to provoke anger so people will react, argue, share, or keep watching. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/rage-bait>

79. ratio (aliases: ratioed, ratio'd, ratioing) - [Social & memes | Combative platform-dependent]

A social-media response showing stronger pushback than approval, or a reply that gets more support than the post it challenges. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry:
<https://slanglane.com/terms/ratio>

80. red flag (aliases: red flags, redflag) - [People & relationships | Warning sometimes exaggerated]

A warning sign that something may be wrong or deserves closer attention, especially in a relationship or decision. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry:
<https://slanglane.com/terms/red-flag>

81. rejection sensitivity - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Intense emotional distress triggered by perceived criticism, delayed text replies, or subtle shifts in conversational tone. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry:
<https://slanglane.com/terms/rejection-sensitivity>

82. rent-free (aliases: rent free, living rent-free, lives rent free) - [Social & memes | Teasing sometimes dismissive]

Occupying someone's thoughts without effort or invitation, usually in "living rent-free in my head." It can describe delight, annoyance, or fixation. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/rent-free>

83. revenge bedtime procrastination - [Digital culture | informal conversational]

Staying up late scrolling or gaming to reclaim personal leisure hours after an exhausting, overscheduled workday. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry:
<https://slanglane.com/terms/revenge-bedtime-procrastination>

84. rizz (aliases: rizz up, rizzing, rizzed, unspoken rizz) - [Internet essentials | Playful usually flattering]

Charm or the ability to attract someone, especially through flirting. To "rizz someone up" is to try to win them over. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/rizz>

85. roster - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

A rotation of several casual dating prospects someone texts or sees simultaneously before choosing to commit to one. | Regions: US, UK, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/roster>

86. scroll fatigue - [Digital culture | Emerging informal]

A feeling of being mentally worn out by prolonged scrolling through feeds or other online material. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/scroll-fatigue>

87. side quest (aliases: sidequest, side quests) - [Social & memes | Playful gaming metaphor]

An optional detour from the main objective in a game, or a spontaneous little adventure away from your original plan in everyday life. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/side-quest>

88. sigma - [Internet essentials | Ironic or status-focused internet language]

A self-sufficient lone-wolf male archetype; also praise meaning excellent, or a deliberately absurd word in memes such as "what the sigma." | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/sigma>

89. simp - [Internet essentials | Derogatory or self-mocking]

Someone accused of excessive devotion or deference to another person; as a verb, to admire or praise in an exaggerated, deferential way. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/simp>

90. situationship (aliases: situationships) - [People & relationships | Informal dating language]

A romantic connection whose status, expectations, or commitment have not been clearly defined. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/situationship>

91. six seven (aliases: 67, 6-7, 6 7, six-seven) - [Internet essentials | Absurdist context-dependent]

A meme expression usually said "six seven," often with a balancing hand gesture. It has no single fixed literal meaning. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/six-seven>

92. skibidi - [Internet essentials | Absurd meme language]

A deliberately nonsensical meme word used for humorous effect, reactions or references to internet slang; it has no single dependable plain-English meaning. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/skibidi>

93. slapped - [Internet essentials | informal]

slapped: excellent, especially in music. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/slapped>

94. slaps - [Internet essentials | context-dependent]

slaps: two-player reaction game where players slap each other's hands. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/slaps>

95. slay (aliases: slayed, slaying) - [Internet essentials | Enthusiastic approving]

To do something impressively well or look excellent. "Slay!" is an enthusiastic expression of approval. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/slay>

96. soft launch (aliases: soft-launch, soft launching, soft-launched) - [People & relationships | Social media indirect reveal]

Hinting at a romantic relationship online without clearly identifying the partner or explicitly announcing the relationship. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/soft-launch>

97. stonewalling - [People & relationships | informal conversational]

Shutting down a conversation by refusing to reply, giving one-word answers, or withdrawing completely during a disagreement. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/stonewalling>

98. sus (aliases: sussy) - [Internet essentials | Suspicious often joking]

Suspicious, questionable, or not quite trustworthy. It can be a genuine concern or a playful reaction to odd behavior. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/sus>

99. talking stage - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

The early phase of romantic interest where two people text daily and hang out casually before defining exclusivity. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/talking-stage>

100. tasteslop (aliases: taste slop) - [Digital culture | Emerging critical]

A critical label for AI-generated style or lifestyle content that appears tasteful and curated but feels generic, derivative, or empty. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/tasteslop>

101. third place - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

A social space outside home and work-such as a pub, cafe, or Discord server-where informal community life happens. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/third-place>

102. touch grass (aliases: touching grass, touched grass, go touch grass) - [Social & memes | Teasing often dismissive]

Step away from the internet and regain some real-world perspective. Often a dismissive response to an overly online argument. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/touch-grass>

103. touch some grass - [Internet essentials | informal conversational]

A pointed reminder to log off the internet, step outside, and regain perspective on what matters in the real world. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/touch-some-grass>

104. trauma dumping - [People & relationships | informal conversational]

Sharing intense, unprocessed personal distress with an unprepared acquaintance or public chat without checking their capacity first. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/trauma-dumping>

105. unc - [Internet essentials | Affectionate or teasing age-related slang]

A shortening of uncle; also a teasing label for an older man or somebody seen as out of touch with current youth culture. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/unc>

106. valid - [Internet essentials | informal conversational]

Reasonable, respectable, or worthy of approval-used in group chats to affirm someone's taste, boundary, or decision. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/valid>

107. vibe coding (aliases: vibe code, vibe-coded, vibecoding) - [Digital culture | Technical culture debated scope]

Building software by repeatedly prompting an AI and reacting to the result, especially when the person pays little attention to the underlying code. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/vibe-coding>

108. virtue signaling - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

Publicly expressing an approved opinion primarily to demonstrate moral alignment and earn social status within a peer group. | Regions: US, UK, IE, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/virtue-signaling>

109. W (aliases: w) - [Internet essentials | internet slang]

In internet slang, W abbreviates win: a success or winning result. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/w>

110. yeet - [Internet essentials | informal]

yeet: an exclamation of excitement or approval. | Regions: Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/yeet>

111. zombieing - [Social & memes | informal conversational]

When someone who ghosted months ago suddenly resurfaces in your DMs or story replies acting as if nothing happened. | Regions: US, UK, Online | Canonical entry: <https://slanglane.com/terms/zombieing>