

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–e next to the numbers 1–5.

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|---|---|
| 1..... a learner                        | a. casual, relaxed or unofficial                          |
| 2..... informal                         | b. old-fashioned and not relevant any more                |
| 3..... out of date                      | c. somebody who speaks a language as their first language |
| 4..... to have an impact on something   | d. somebody who is learning a language                    |
| 5..... a native speaker (of a language) | e. to change or affect something                          |

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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|---|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Young people in Britain use the same slang words as their parents.                 | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. British singers sometimes don't know that they change their accent when they sing. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Modern slang changes very quickly.   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. 'Fit' is only used to describe boys.   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. The English language is more used by non-native speakers than by native speakers.  | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. It is essential to learn some British slang.                                       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

## 2. Check your vocabulary: matching

Match the slang words with the correct meaning and write a–h next to the number 1–8.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1..... cool     | a. isn't it     |
| 2..... innit    | b. very         |
| 3..... well     | c. troublemaker |
| 4..... whatever | d. thank you    |
| 5..... fit      | e. hello        |
| 6..... hoodie   | f. good-looking |
| 7..... hiya     | g. that's good  |
| 8..... ta       | h. I don't care |

## 3. Check your vocabulary: multiple choice

Circle the best slang word to complete these gaps.

- A: I've just passed my exam!  
B: **Cool** / Whatever / Innit ! Well done!
- A: Did you know Mark's brother has just cycled around the world.  
B: Wow! He must be **hoodie** / well / fit tired.
- You look like a **hoodie** / innit / sorted with that top on. Why don't you wear your blue jacket?
- It's really cold today, **ta** / cheers / innit ?
- A: Hello!  
B: **Sorted** / Hiya / Whatever !
- A: You can borrow my pen.  
B: **Well** / Ta / Fit .

### Discussion

- Are you interested in being able to understand British slang?  
Do you know any other useful slang words or phrases?  
In what situations might it be good to use or not use slang?