

Computer slang as a main mean of teen communication in modern English

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Actuality of the research

- ❖ investigation of emotion expressions through the language;
- ❖ discovery of features and functions of teen slang;
- ❖ characteristics of teen's communication on Internet

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- **The object of the research**
– the English teen language
vocabulary
 - **The item of the research** –
messages and e-mails on
Internet

Tasks of the research paper are

- to discover the etymology of the term “slang”;
- to characterize the main features of teen’s slang;
- to discover usage and functions of computer slang;
- to compile the mini-dictionary of Weblish

Chapter I

- We have been studied literature and works of famous linguists to discover the etymology and definition of the term “slang”

Slang

- is the use of informal words and expressions;
- is very informal language that is usually spoken rather than written, used especially by particular groups of people
- is type of language consisting of words and phrases that are regarded as very informal, are more common in speech than writing, and are typically restricted to a particular context or group of people.

Slang is created by:

- shorten of words
- borrowing words from other languages
- giving words the opposite meaning
- using of acronyms and texting symbols
- changing the spelling of words
- being imaginative with words

Chapter 2

- **Teen slang** is language consisting of words and phrases and typically restricted to a particular context or young group of people.
- **Computer slang** is a variety of slang languages used by different people on the Internet



•*Sources of teen slang increasing*

•**Military lexicon**

•**Computer technologies**

•**Prisoners' language**

•**Argot words**

•**School slang**

•**Hobby**

Survey “Do you understand Weblish?”

Task : Put + if you understand meaning of the word.

Put - if you don't understand meaning of the word.

1. WKND

2. C U

3. SIT

4. PLS

5. W/

6. ILUVU

7. LOL

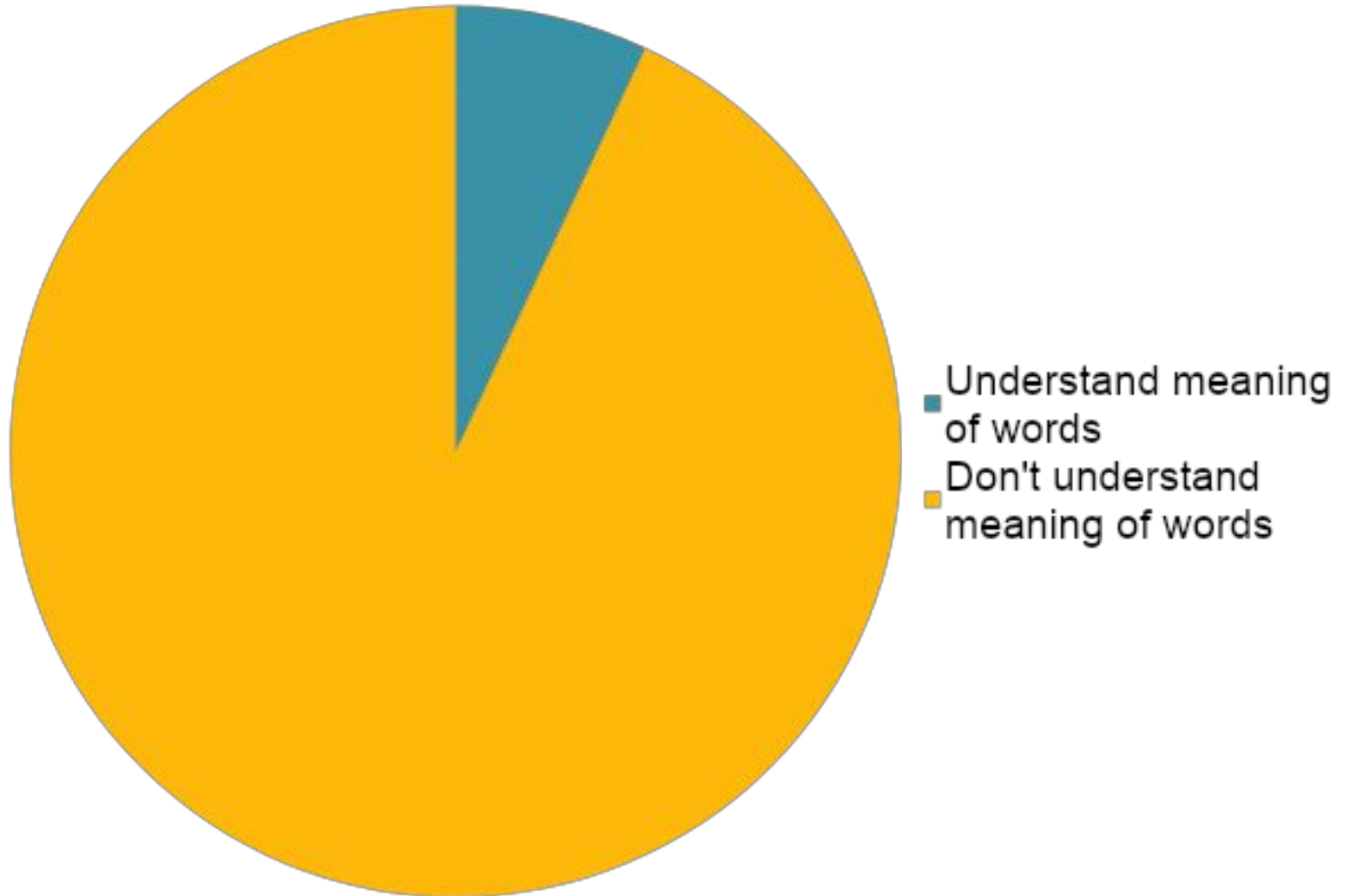
8. F2F

9. CUL8

10. BRB

11. SPK

The result of survey "Do you understand Weblish?"



Some examples of computer slang

- OMG: Oh my God
- LOL: Laugh out loud
- BRT: Be right there
- TTYL: Talk to you later
- JK: Just kidding
- G2G: Got to go
- NMU: Not much, you
- RBAY: Right back at you
- IDC: I don't care

Weblish is a kind of Internet slang or

- Internet short-hand
- netspeak
- chatspeak



- u – you

- r – are

- 4 – for

- nite – night

- b – be

- 2 – to

- cos – because

- wanna- do you want to?

- c -see

The example of message written in weblish

- Hi, mom! B4 tht I wnt rly 2 tlk 2u abt txtng. K?=-)



- Hi, mom! Before that I really want to talk to you about texting. OK?

Conclusions

- slang is the identification mark of the fact that this person belongs to a given social environment;
- slang is a way to express yourself;
- slang makes the speech more emotionally expressive;
- the speech becomes shorter;
- computer slang is created and used by teens mostly.



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your attention!