

Anglo - American

youth slang

# The main aims:

1. to define youth slang
2. to explore its function as a system
3. to find out the source and varieties of it

We try to analyze the useful features of slang in our speech, to answer the questions if slang “poisons” and “pollutes” the modern language, if it has the full right to exist?

## Methods:

1. analyses of articles, newspapers, dictionaries,
2. information from the Internet
3. classification of slang

judder, hacker



mechanic

antifreeze

booze

Great

boos

evil

Hand

grabbers

paws;

Crazy person

nut

psycho



coffee - brew

money - bread

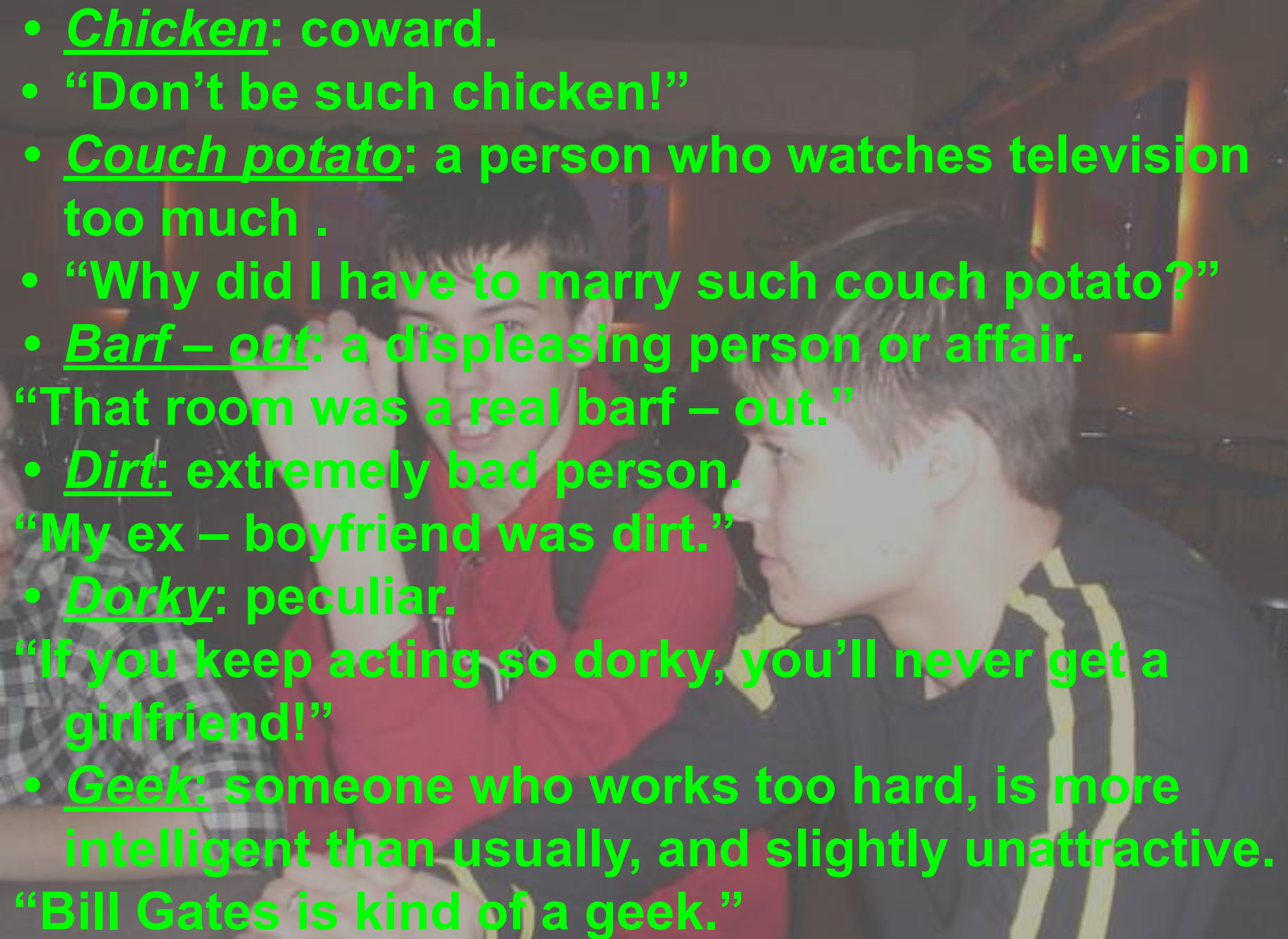
television - boob tube

body - bod

food - grub

hands - pad



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- Chicken: coward.
  - “Don’t be such chicken!”
  - Couch potato: a person who watches television too much .
  - “Why did I have to marry such couch potato?”
  - Barf – out: a displeasing person or affair.
  - “That room was a real barf – out.”
  - Dirt: extremely bad person.
  - “My ex – boyfriend was dirt.”
  - Dorky: peculiar.
  - “If you keep acting so dorky, you’ll never get a girlfriend!”
  - Geek: someone who works too hard, is more intelligent than usually, and slightly unattractive.
  - “Bill Gates is kind of a geek.”



•Hi!

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•Hey, boy, how are you getting on? Эй, парень, как дела?

•I have got a jam time.

Кое – какие проблемы.

•Hey, buddy, take it easy!

Брат, не бери в голову!

•I'm flaking out!

Я уже от скуки дурею!

•Relax!

Расслабься!



•Hail!

Привет!

•Hi!

Привет!

•Hey kiddo, how are things?

Эй, пацан, как ты?

•I'm off my feed. I've the blans.

У меня депресняк.

•Hey buzzard, don't be mad!

Старина, расслабься!

•Dull sville, jawn.

Уже крышу срывает.

•Chill out!

Остынь!

**Pig out**: eat too much.



“He is famous for pig out on chocolate ice cream.”

**Pissed**: angry.

“I’m really pissed at you.”

**Riot**: someone or something very funny.

“Jim is a riot.”



**Yank**: an American.

“He is a Yank.”

**Bazillion**: an indefinite number of something.

“Has Dennis really taught bazillion students?”

**B- Ball**: basketball.

“Do you want play b –ball with me?”



*Cap* – a bullet

*Bust a cap* – shoot with a gun

*Loaded with lead* – shot by gun

*Packin'* – carrying a gun

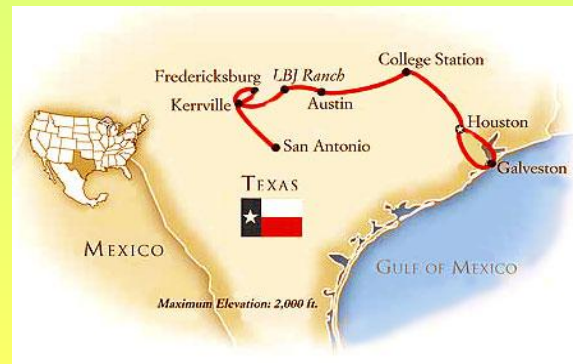
*Peel a cap* – shoot a gun

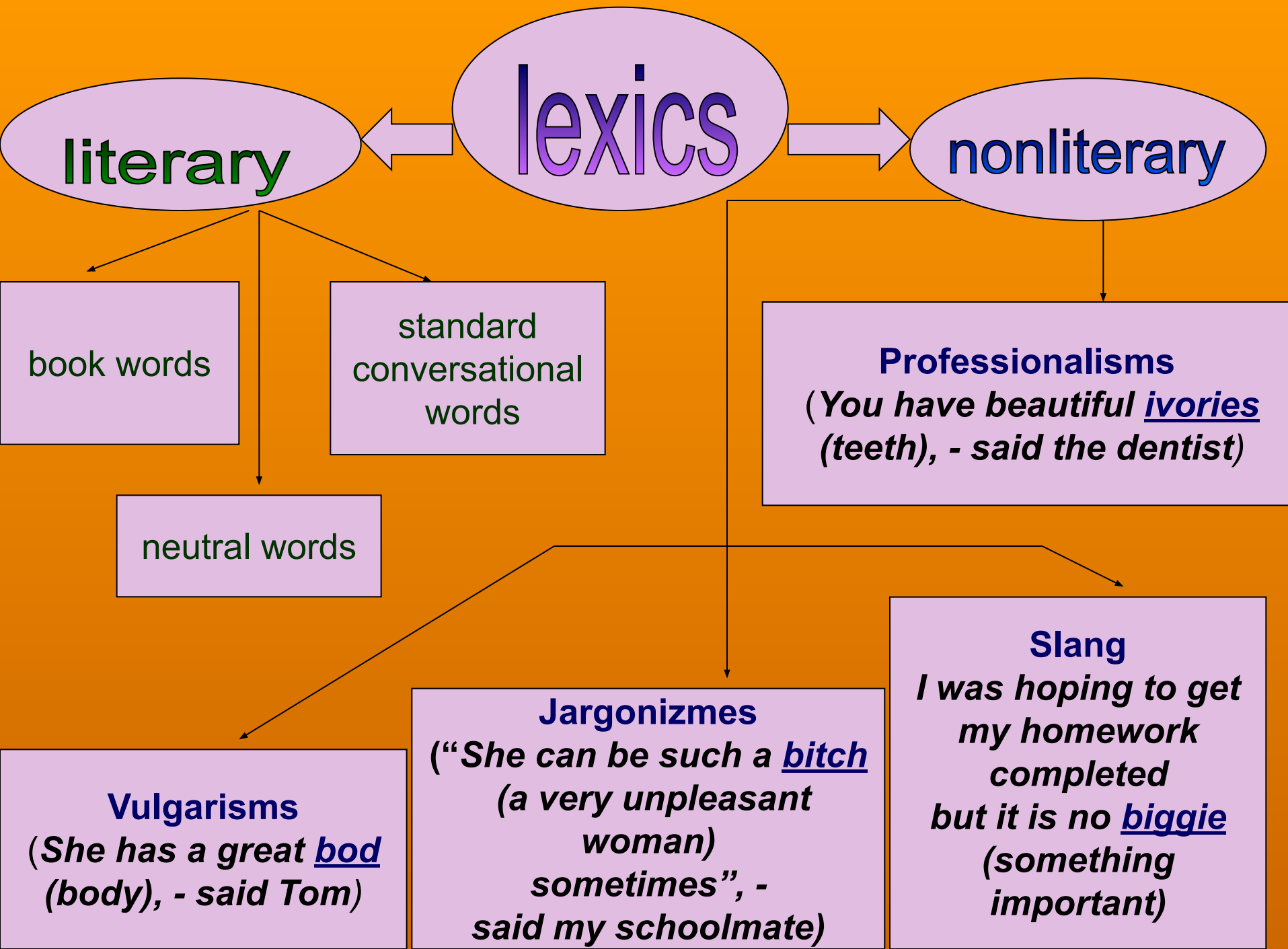


in different parts of the country we can watch the existence of language variants:  
*YooKay (UK in Chinese interpretation).*

*Y'all (you (in Texas))*

*Howdy (How are you? (In Texas))*









- A: You've got your horn broken? У тебя телефон сломался?  
I've called you to jaw. Я звонил, хотел потрепаться.*
- B: It gets me down to answer! Ломает меня к нему подходить!*
- A: Are you cloth – eared? Тебя глушняк, что ли, давит?*
- B: That's just what I thought. Да, я тоже так думаю.*
- A: Planning something? Есть планы?*
- B: How goes the enemy? Сколько там натикало?*
- I must be off. Мне надо идти.*



# The term “slang” means:

1. the speech of social and professionally limited groups is opposed to the literary language;
2. the variant of colloquial speech (expressively coloured elements of speech) doesn't consider with the norms of literary language.

money

*60th -  
wad.*

*80th -  
bread.*

*Nowadays  
-  
beans*

1. one and the same word in different dictionaries has various linguistic meanings:

the word **Goff** as a **silly and foolish person**, (according to Baikov and Hilton) and in other source it is interpreted as **to make mistake**.

2. the independent existence of the term “slang”:

**Airhead**: stupid person.

“Believe it or not. Dave can sometimes act like an airhead!”

**Dirt**: extremely bad person.

“My ex – boyfriend was dirt.”

**Pissed**: angry.

“I’m really pissed at you.”

3. the word “slang” is used as an item of jargon words: **What you get in bucks?** (“**Get**” to understand something; “**bucks**” – money).

***I got the message!*** Or: ***I caught it!***  
(I understand).

***Mind you own business*** (Don’t put you long nose into other people affairs).

***It hurts like hell*** (very sick).

# TV Slang

*Rules – the best*

*Kewl – cool*

*Chick flick – movie for girls*

*To be hot – to look very good*

*Dickhead – stupid*

*Nut – crazy person*



## Slang in slogans

### 1. **Banana Slugs**

*University of California, Santa Cruz*

### 2. **Black Flies**

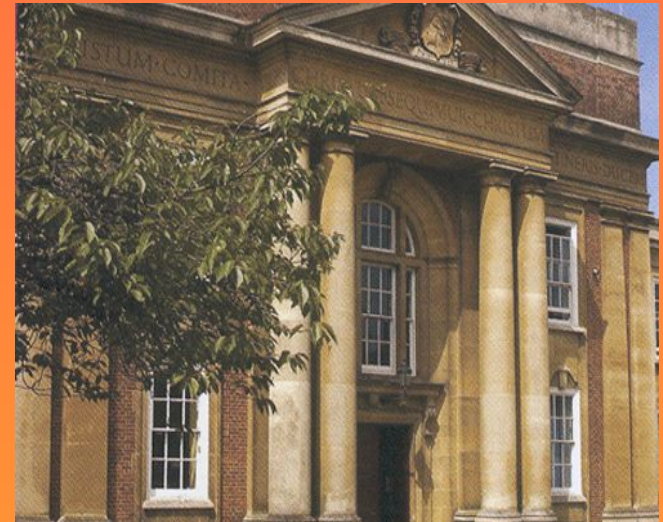
*College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine*

### 3. **Boll Weevils**

*University of Arkansas – Monticello*

### 4. **Green Terror**

*McDaniel College, Westminster, MD*



# Situation in the city bus



Two young people quarrel with each other (one has hurt another passenger's foot)

- *What has gone down? Что стряслось?*
- *Why are you so budded? Что ты такой дерганый?*
- *Stop bugging me! Puck off! Отцепись!*
- *Watch your tongue! Следи за языком!*
- *Get lost. Исчезни!*

# Features of slang

Slang is in opposition to the official system.  
*The word **flick** is in opposition to the official expression **movie**.*

creation by collective activity.

communicative function of slang

slang as a universal type of language, emphasizes ties of English slang with other standard linguistic items of different countries. **Nada** from Portugal that means nothing; **Amigo** that is friend and **Dinero** as money (from Spanish); **Aloha** Hawaien word (Love).

# The primary steps:

*(I don't know zip about this animal (**Zip** – nothing).*

*This ball is Humungous! (**Humungous** – big).*

*You tell a bull about this animal (**bull** – lie).*

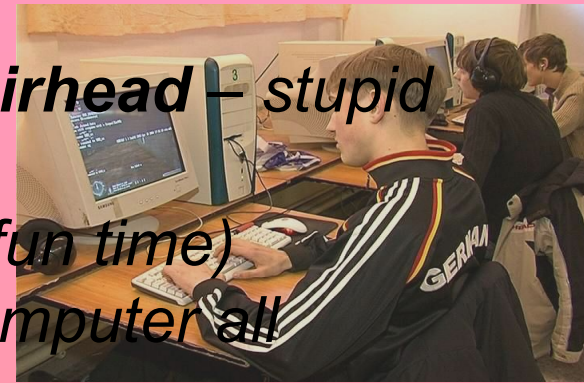


# The middle level:

1. Dave can sometimes act like an airhead! (**Airhead** – stupid person)

2. I really had a ball in Dave's class. (**Ball** – a fun time)

3. I'm really beat because I was playing the computer all night. (**Beat** – tired)



# The grown ups :

1. The party was fun even though there wasn't any booze (**booze** – alcohol).

2. Do you want another brew, Dave? (**Brew** – beer). 3. It is really in now (**in** – fashionable)!