

THE EXTRA POINT

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1529 The Gen Z Vocabulary Test

Every generation has made a concerted effort to come up with words that are known and used only by its members. Other generations are left out, at least for a while. By the time these words make the rounds and start being voiced by those older, the words are booted in favor of new ones. The goal being to have a sort of language all their own. Gen Z is no different. I've got a dozen words ready to expose to the Ray Gibson radio audience, to see how many you know. I'm Jerry Roberts, and that's next on The Extra Point.

Slang words and expressions have always been with us. Your generation, whichever it is, had their share. I'm going to give you 12 I picked up in an article from Business Insider.

These terms are used by a combination of Gen Z, members born starting in 1997; and younger Gen Zs, known as Alpha, members born beginning in 2010.

1. For the plot
Def. To do it for the experience. To see yourself as the main character of the story that is your life.

2. Rizz
Def. Charisma

3. Ick
Def. A turnoff. The article stated this could be something as small as using the wrong emoji in a post; to as large as giving bad treatment to a service worker.

I liked this explanation because we all know that how we deal with those who serve us is a reflection of our character. I'm glad Gen Z is dialed into that.

4. Rent-free
Def. When you think of someone a lot, it means they are living rent-free in your mind. This frequently happens when you feel someone has done you wrong. The reality is they likely aren't thinking of you at all. It's a tough, tough issue to deal with.

5. Ate
Def. When someone performs flawlessly. This can be anything done extremely well, or their appearance was amazing.

6. Left no crumbs
Def. This term gives more emphasis to just how good someone "ate."

7. Buss or bussin'
Def. Often used to describe food, but could be other things. It means extremely good, or delicious. So, if your kid eats dinner and proclaims, "Mama, you be bussin'!"...don't smack him with your slipper. Just smile and be grateful that your cooking wasn't an ick.

8. Mid
Def. Something is "mid" when it falls short of expectations. It could be a movie, a meal, a video, or anything. Mid equates to mediocre.

9. Lock in
Def. To focus

10. Let him (or her) cook
Def. Don't stop someone from doing his/her thing. Be cool, and get out of their way.

11. Delulu
Def. If a member of the Gen Z world calls you delulu, it means they think you're delusional.

12. Solulu
Def. You're catching on if you say that "solulu" is solution.

And one more, a bonus for you, may be the word you have heard most from all of these.

13. Sus
Def. This is short for suspicious. If a member of Gen Z — whether the older category or the younger Alphas — references you and adds a "sus" in there somewhere, there could be a trust issue.

(Con't.)

Here's what you do, You go to our website, guamtraining.com, and you download transcript #1529. Then, do some quick memorizing of the list. When the next Gen Z'er invades your space, unleash a torrent of these words and watch as their face lights up in horror.

"Oh no, an old person decoded our language. It's time to abort and make up new words!"

Or, hopefully, you'll see delight in their face, instead, and they'll say, "You are so cool!" And they'll mean it, too.

Communication is a beautiful thing.

That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and don't be an ick. Show everybody that you ate. Don't be sus or delulu. Lock in right here on 93.3FM, the Ray Gibson Show, you know he's bussin...and that man never leaves no crumbs. And it's all brought to you by First Hawaiian Bank. You got money. They got a solulu for you. For all these "boss" folks (yeah, there's a word from my generation), I'm Jerry Roberts.

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