

## THE USE OF SLANG WORDS FOUND IN HIP - HOP MUSIC ALBUM BY YEAT

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### Abstract

Slang words are informal and non-standard words or phrases that are often used in casual conversations and usually used by young generation. In the era of globalization, slang words are not only found in daily conversation but also found in literary works like in song lyrics. This research mainly aims to find out type of slang words used in hip hop music 2 Alive (Geek Pack) album and analyze the meaning of slang words found in hip hop music album 2 Alive (Geek Pack) album by Yeat. This study used five songs in the album 2 Alive (Geek Pack), such as; *Poppin*, *Luh Geek*, *Double*, *On Tha line* and *Jus Better*. This study used the theory of type of slang by from Kipfer and Chapman (2007) and also the theory of meaning by Claire (1998:15). This study employed observation method by several steps done in the data collection process, such as; including listening to the song lyrics, reading, and comprehending the lyrics. Descriptive qualitative method was used in analyzing the data. This study found 35 data for primary slang and 6 data for secondary slang. There were 41 data of slang words found in 5 songs of Yeat. The aim of using slang words or we already know the meaning is seldom the exchange of information and make communication more casual and informal and also sound modern.

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### Introduction

There are many variations of language use, one of them is slang. According to Cambridge Dictionary, Slang is a form of informal language used among individuals who share a close social connection and are well-acquainted with each other. It is primarily spoken rather than written and is not appropriate for formal communication. Slang can be offensive if it is used to describe people or in situations where the audience is not part of the same social group. Typically, slang refers to particular words and their associated meanings, although it can also encompass longer phrases and idiomatic expressions.

Claire (1998:15) states that slang constitutes the vocabulary employed by individuals in social settings where they feel at ease, particularly when interacting with friends. Typically reserved for informal contexts, slang adds an element of informality, fostering a more intimate conversational atmosphere. Colloquial expressions, present in nearly all casual languages, are primarily harnessed to convey emotions and foster creativity. Slang emerges as a linguistic variant adopted by a specific subset of the population, often younger and perceived as "less mainstream" than the majority. It entails highly informal or inventive terminology, frequently originating from and sometimes supplanting other terms within the common lexicon. Hence, it can be inferred that slang embodies an informal and conversational language crafted and embraced by specific community members, commonly employed in less formal scenarios.

As outlined by Wardhaugh (2006:13), sociolinguistics involves investigating the intricate relationship between language and society, to attain a deeper comprehension of language structure and its role in communication. According to Spolsky (2010), sociolinguistics delves into the interplay between language and society, encompassing language variations and attitudes toward language. Hudson (1996) defines it as the analysis of how language is influenced by social factors such as class, age, gender, and ethnicity.

Slang language is an interesting aspect of everyday communication that allows us to speak in a more relaxed, creative, and expressive manner. Slang words are often informal and originate from popular culture, music, or social media. Slang words can be found in various literary works, especially in music, in the music itself, hip-hop holds a strong influence over popular culture and slang language due to the significant role it plays in portraying urban life realities and expressing feelings that resonate closely with today's teenagers.

There were many studies taking slang as the topic. Lilik's thesis (2022) discussed slang language in song lyrics in the Bruno Mars "24 Magic Album". Lilik (2022) applied descriptive qualitative method in her research. She used the theory from Kipfer and Chapman (2007). After analysing the data, it was found 16 total of data in his research include 13 data of Primary slang and 3 data of secondary Slang. Another study about slang was done by Rita (2021). She analysed slang words found in the song lyrics of Cardi B in "The Invasion of Privacy". Her researcher aims to find out the meaning and the type the slang word found in the album. Same as Lilik's researcher Rita (2021) applied descriptive qualitative method. Her study used the theory from Patridge (2004). After analysis the data it was found 15 data of slang words, there were 7 data of society slang, 7 data of slang in art and 1 data of medicine slang. Fernando (2018) also did a research about slang words. He used the song lyrics from Eminem on the album "Kamikaze". His study investigated the type of word formation based on Pambudi (2009) theory. Fernando (2018) applied descriptive method on his study to collect the data. That study found 60 data of slang words. The formation process can be explained that 50 data of clipping, 6 data of blending, 2 data of acronym and 2 data of coinage.

All those previous studies contribute to this study in applying the right methodology in analysing slang words. Therefore, this study concerns on finding out the used of slang words in 2 Alive (Geek Pack) album by Yeat. This study mainly focuses on finding out the type of slang words and the meaning of slang in the song lyrics of Yeat.

## Methods

The data for this researcher were taken from the songs lyric from Yeat's album "2 Alive (Geek Pack)". These specific songs were chosen due to presence of slang within their music. The method of collecting data was observation method involving several stages, such as; listening to the songs, comprehending the lyrics, identifying instances of slang in the lyrics, and categorizing the slang word term. The collected data underwent analysis using descriptive qualitative method. By applying theory by Kipfer and Chapman (2007) of type of slang words found in 2 Alive (Geek Pack) by Yeat. The finding was then presented utilizing both formal method was done by giving table to present the data and informal method was done by giving description of the meaning of the slang words found in the album.

## Finding and Discussion

This part used theory from Kipfer and Chapman (2007) to analyzing the song lyrics. There are two types of slang such as: primary slang and secondary slang. Primary slang represents the authentic language spoken by members of a particular subculture, so ingrained in their speech that it feels essential to their communication. It's as if they would struggle to communicate without it. In contrast, secondary slang pertains to the use of slang terms as a stylistic preference rather than a genuine identification with a specific group. Based on theory above this study analysed in song lyrics from 2 Alive (Geek Pack) album by Yeat. The slang that is utilized in songs may be in the table. This study analysed all song lyrics that contain slang phrases.

**Table 1.** Type of Slang Found in 2 Alive (Geek Pack) Album

No	Type of Slang	Slang Words	Meaning
1	Primary Slang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bitches</li> <li>- What's Up</li> <li>- Chillin'</li> <li>- Lil</li> <li>- Flexed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refers to term of familiarity or camaraderie.</li> <li>- Refers to say how are you in informal situation</li> <li>- Refers to depict a laid-back, calm, or peaceful environment.</li> <li>- Refers to given names for people or things that are considered to have a smaller size</li> <li>- Refers to showing off or displaying their strengths or accomplishments.</li> </ul>
2	Secondary Slang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lamb'</li> <li>- Plain Jane</li> <li>- Circle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refers to "Lamborghini," a well-known luxury car brand.</li> <li>- Refers to person who has a plain or unremarkable appearance or style, lacking distinctive or striking characteristics.</li> <li>- Refers to a group of friends or people who frequently interact and have close relationships.</li> </ul>

### Primary slang

Based to the theory by Kipfer and Chapman (2007: 8), Primary slang refers to phrases of slang that are often heard or utilized. Primary slang is a common expression used in everyday life by teenegers spelling and their gang on the city streets.

### Data 1

“**Bitches** pullin' up and they suck us up (Hey)”

(in song lyrics Poppin line 2)

The lyrics above mean “People, often women, are arriving at a location, and they are engaging in sexual activity, specifically performing oral sex on someone or a group of people.” The words “Bitches” according to dictionary have meaning refers to a female dog. In slang words “Bitches” refers to women with rude or negative behavior. Based to Kipfer and Chapman (2007) theory those is allowed of primary slang because, the word 'bitches' commonly used in informal conversations by teenagers in used in everyday language to express familiarity with each other.

### Data 2

“Bitch gon' pull up on us, I just told her **what's up** (Yeah, ha)”

(in song lyrics Luh Geek line 5)

The lyrics above mean “The girl is going to confront us; I just told her what's going on.” The words “what’s up” in the dictionary means "How are you” or in difference situation means “What going on”. In slang words the meaning remains the same, just expressed in a more informal and friendly manner. Based on Kipfer and Chapman (2007) theory this word allowed of primary slang because, the word “what up” are commonly used by young people in their informal conversation.

### Data 3

“I be **chillin'** with the demons”

(in song lyrics Double line 18)

The lyrics above means “as someone spending time or hanging out with demons and It might refer to friends or individuals in their social group who are involved in controversial or morally questionable activities”. The word “chillin” refer to shivering due to illness. For example, in the sentence 'He had caught a chill that night, and was now down with a fever.' In slang, the word “chillin” It refer to someone who is taking pleasure in their leisure time. According to Kipfer and Chapman (2007) theory this word allowed of primary slang because, this word is commonly used by teenagers to depict a laid-back, calm, or peaceful environment in informal conversation.

### Data 4

“I could take your **lil'** bitch if I want to, yeah, but I doesn't (But I doesn't, hey)”

(in song lyric On tha line line 7)

The lyrics above means "I have the ability to take your girlfriend if I choose to, yeah, but I choose not to." The used of “lil” in the middle of the word it might to informal or disrespectfully, depending on the context. The word “lil” in the dictionary is an abbreviation of the word "little". In slang the word “lil” have same meaning that is to describe something small or less significant. According to Kipfer and Chapman (2007) theory this word allowed of primary



slang because, this word is commonly used by teenagers to describe something in informal context or make the word that are interesting in teenager's ears.

#### **Data 5**

I just pulled up and, huh, **flexed** my guap (Ayy, ah)

(in song lyrics jus better line 7)

The lyrics above means “ announcing their arrival and confidently showing off their wealth or money”. The words "flexed" in the dictionary means to tense or contract muscles, usually in a physical context. In slang the word “flexed” used to describe someone who is showing off or displaying their strengths or accomplishments, particularly in terms of material possessions or achievements. According to Kipfer and Chapman (2007) theory this word allowed of primary slang because, this words is commonly used by teenagers in their conversation in informal situation to describe something or showing something that are interesting in teenager's ears.

#### **Secondary slang**

Based to theory by Kipfer and Chapman (2007: 8), secondary slang refers to a category of slang where words carry a concealed significance. This form of slang was employed for communication within a restricted context, limited to individuals who comprehended the intended message.

#### **Data 6**

“I pulled inside this **Lamb'**, I chopped it up like helicopter (Vroom, vroom, vroom)”

(in song lyrics Poppin line 20)

The lyrics above means “a sense of arriving in style with a luxury car especially Lamborghini and handling it skillfully or impressively, much like a skilled pilot would like to handle a helicopter”. The word lamb in dictionary means animal "lamb" which refers to the mammal with four legs commonly raised for its meat and wool. In slang the word “Lamb” it refers to "Lamborghini," a well-known luxury car brand. This word is uncommonly used in the society because, this word can also be regionally influenced. Refers to Kipfer and Chapman (2007) theory above the word “Lamb” allowed of secondary slang because, the used of this word occur to gain popularity in specific areas or among particular subcultures for example only in hip hop subculture, and the usage of "Lamb" may vary depending on the region and the people using it.

#### **Data 7**

“Now my diamonds really rain (They rain), pulled up with a **plain jane** (Yeah)”

(in song lyrics Luh Geek line 17)

The lyrics above means “a contrast between the singer extravagant jewelry and the simplicity of the person they are with”. According to dictionary “Plain Jane” refers to someone or something that is simple or ordinary, without standout or exceptional features. In slang, the used of “plain jane” word refer to a person who has a plain or unremarkable appearance or

style, lacking distinctive or striking characteristics. Refers to Kipfer and Chapman (2007) theory above this word is allowed of secondary slang because, this word can also be influenced by subcultural trends and influencers. If a well-known figure in a particular subculture uses a term frequently, it may become more widely adopted in specific group or subculture.

### Data 8

“Snapin the fakes in my **circle** like Kit – Kat does it”

(in song lyrics On Tha Line, line 28)

The lyrics above means “removing or confronting insincere or fake individuals within their social group, just as easily as breaking apart a Kit-Kat candy bar”. The word "circle" in the dictionary means "circle" which is a geometric shape formed by all points equidistant from its center. in slang language, the word "circle" often refers to a group of friends or people who frequently interact and have close relationships. Refers to Kipfer and Chapman (2007) theory above this word is allowed of secondary slang because, the word “circle” often emerges within subcultures or specific communities where it gains a unique or specialized meaning. For example, in some gaming or online communities, "circle" might refer to a particular group or gathering place.

### Conclusion

Upon thorough data analysis, this study uncovered a total of 8 instances of slang words within the lyrics of the songs from Yeat's "2 Alive (Geek Pack Album)." The data was scrutinized through the lens of Chapman's theory (2007), which delineates two categories of slang: primary and secondary. Of the 5 song titles examined, a compilation of 5 instances pertained to primary slang, while 3 instances corresponded to secondary slang. Among the varied array of slang types employed throughout the 5 songs in the "2 Alive (Geek Pack Album)," several familiar slang terms emerged. Nonetheless, the album also featured less familiar words, such as "Lamb," and "Circle," which may not be as widely recognized within society. The purpose underlying the use of slang words, whether familiar or not, predominantly centers on fostering casual and informal communication, while infusing a contemporary flair. The primary intention seldom revolves around information exchange; rather, it emphasizes a modern and relaxed conversational tone.

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