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Street Talk-1: How To Speak And Understand American Slang (v. 1)



Synopsis

Street Talk 1 contains more than 1,150 commonly used American slang terms and expressions...the words and phrases heard everyday that don't always make sense. If you are confused by American English and would like to speak and understand like a native, you need to read this book! Street Talk 1 is the first self-teaching book on American slang that is written for the non-native speaker. Readers will learn the "inside" language that is heard in everyday conversations, at the movies, on the radio, and seen in books, magazines, and advertisements. This often mysterious language of slang and idioms is clearly explained through dialogues, pronunciation tips, word games, and illustrations.

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Customer Reviews

'Street Talk 1' is my favorite book on the topic. Although I have a decent collection of slang dictionaries, I found this one to stand out for several reasons: First of all, it is full of terms that are ACTUALLY USED in the US today. No big deal, you might say, but most of the other books available on US slang would only be useful if the professors writing them could first convince Americans to learn and use the expressions contained in them ;) Secondly, the EXERCISES at the end of the chapters are VERY HELPFUL to learn the expressions. I recommend this book to every foreigner trying to learn how to communicate with Americans.

I have taught with several of David Burke's slang books and I find that this first one is his best (of Street Talk-1, 2 and 3). Some great features are commonly used initials, animals used in slang,

body parts used in slang, and food used in slang. Each chapter has a dialogue, which is written in standard English and "realspeak," which is a form of English using reduced sounds (oudda for out of). Some of these dialogues seem a little unnatural, and the exercises are not especially difficult for my students. Nevertheless, I think it's extremely useful for its target audience, English as a second language speakers. It's also a good reference for ESL teachers.

If you are a foreigner in USA who want to communicate more effectively with american people, you should have this book. It teaches you slangs and idioms in an easier and faster way rather than just lists them as a dictionary does. You not only learned the meaning of these weired words in English but also learned how to speak them out with the right accent and under the appropriate condition.

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Are you the type of person who "stays up till all hours of the night watching "the tube" to learn new slang?", "YaWanna be cool"? Just "give your brain a rest" and listen to this wonderful teacher's aid cassette of American Slang. Leave the old "stuff" behind, and turn your class into a big "bash".Your students will love slang and will "roll out the red carpet for YOU"

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