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Gen Z's I-Day wish: Borrow our words with context, please!

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Casual, on-the-go, expressive, it's a word used to describe Gen Z's slang. But the last few months have seen a lot of Gen Z's slang being used by older generations. From Boomer to Millennial, everyone has seen Gen Z's slang in a positive light, often for its unique twist on the English word. But when it comes to Gen Z's slang, it's not just a matter of using the word. It's about understanding the context in which it was used. Gen Z's slang is a reflection of their world, and it's important to use it correctly. It's not just a matter of using the word. It's about understanding the context in which it was used. Gen Z's slang is a reflection of their world, and it's important to use it correctly. It's not just a matter of using the word. It's about understanding the context in which it was used. Gen Z's slang is a reflection of their world, and it's important to use it correctly.

6 We're not asking older generations to stop using Gen Z slang. If you're comfortable with it, speak it by all means. Just understand the terms and context instead of making us look wrong in front of the world.

6 Freedom means being able to say what is wrong and what is right, the way I want to. It also means being able to state myself and take accountability for wherever I am wrong. That ability to speak freely is also part of how our generation defines independence.



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GEN Z LINGO FOR DUMMIES
Click it *Wrongly used:* It's a verb, not a noun. It's used to describe a person's action, not a thing. *It actually means:* To click, to take a photo. *Also* *Wrongly used:* It's a verb, not a noun. It's used to describe a person's action, not a thing. *It actually means:* To click, to take a photo. **Delulu** *Wrongly used:* It's a verb, not a noun. It's used to describe a person's action, not a thing. *It actually means:* To click, to take a photo. **Unc** *Wrongly used:* It's a verb, not a noun. It's used to describe a person's action, not a thing. *It actually means:* To click, to take a photo. **Lock in** *Wrongly used:* It's a verb, not a noun. It's used to describe a person's action, not a thing. *It actually means:* To click, to take a photo. **Slay** *Wrongly used:* It's a verb, not a noun. It's used to describe a person's action, not a thing. *It actually means:* To click, to take a photo. **Rizz** *Wrongly used:* It's a verb, not a noun. It's used to describe a person's action, not a thing. *It actually means:* To click, to take a photo.

An open letter from Gen Z to the older generations



Dear Millennials, Gen X and Boomers,

We love you. Really. You raised us, taught us, argued with us about our screen time, and somehow survived without Google Maps. But there is one tiny favour we'd like to ask: please stop using Gen Z slang incorrectly.

'Slay' does not mean 'I completed my office presentation.' 'Rizz' is not a new word for confidence in a job interview. And 'bro' is not necessarily a reference to your biological sibling.

When you use our slang, it is adorable—but when you use it completely wrong, it makes us want to turn on airplane mode. Honestly, our generation isn't just different because of the words we use. We grew up in a world of smartphones, social media, climate anxiety, AI and information arriving faster than we could process it. You grew up learning to adapt to a changing world—we are growing up in one that changes every few months.

Perhaps our idea of freedom is changing too. We want freedom from judging people for their clothes, careers, relationships or choices; freedom from the pressure to follow a 'safe' career path just because everyone else did; freedom to question traditions without disrespecting them, and freedom to dream differently without our dreams being called 'unrealistic'.

So, this Independence Day let's celebrate not just the freedom our country won in 1947, but the freedoms every generation continues to build. You gave us a country to inherit. Let us help shape the country we want to live in. No cap.



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