

Slanguage: Not for Use at Work

Everyone uses slang, especially when speaking to peers. While slang can create unity and community among peers, it can also alienate those who are not part of the in-group and affect how others view your professionalism.

Below are ten sentences containing popular millennial slang words. Rewrite the sentences to sound more appropriate for the workplace.

Word	Definition	Used in Sentence
lit	amazing	Did you see how Dipali made that sale? That was so <i>lit</i> .
trash	terrible, worthy of being thrown out	That email from HR about the increase in our co-pay was <i>trash</i> .
cancel(led)	to reject a person, place, or thing	Just because Mateo criticized your report in the meeting, you can't <i>cancel</i> him.
drag	to rake someone through the coals; burn someone	I'm going to <i>drag</i> Ellen to the ground after she left me to clean up the office kitchen.
woke	being aware	You need to stay <i>woke</i> when Michelle sends out those meeting reminders.
savage	hard core	Did you hear that Su-lin stayed up all night to make that deadline? That's just <i>savage</i> .
sic	cool	We made the sales goal! That's <i>sic</i> !
hardcore	intense (can be used as a positive or negative)	Mireya is so <i>hardcore</i> she finished that brief in one day. Brendan got laid off. That is <i>hardcore</i> .
live	cool/exciting or extreme/intense	The intercultural training session was way <i>live</i> . Miranda was way too <i>live</i> during that meeting.
excluded from this narrative	negative response to a request	Jean asked me to show the new dude the office, but I'm so busy I want to be <i>excluded from that narrative</i> .