

Slang Groups

Objectives:

1. Students will understand the communication process, and how it can break down.
2. Students will recognize the audience as an important part of the process.
3. Students will understand how language barriers can break down the communication process.

Assignment:

1. As a group select a slang group to portray a breakdown in communication.
2. Each group will make a list of 20 vocabulary words used by this group and a definition of each word. (example: Surfers – dude, cook, da kine)
3. Each group will write a two minute conversation/skit utilizing most of all of the words on the list. Everyone must participate in the conversation. The scripts may be used to read the conversation to the class.
4. On presentation day, each group reads the vocabulary words to the class without the definitions, before the conversations are read.
5. After reading the conversation, group members should go back and read the definitions to the class to make it clear that language barriers do indeed create breakdowns.

