

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

What the heck happened to the English language?

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In the English language, there are over 100,000 terms and phrases used today. However, some of these have changed overtime into the opposite of their intended meaning. Here are a few.

Original Meaning:

An item used for building structures.

Slang Meaning:

A period of time.

Brick

Dime



Dontae Bryant ('19) who said that "A Dime girl is like a really good looking girl".

Original Meaning:

A coin type currency used by the United States.

Slang Meaning:

A good looking female.

Original Meaning:
an item to be used for writing.

Slang Meaning:
Money or some type of currency.

Paper



Will Homer ('19) who said "It's a situational but cool word!".

Jaunt

Original Meaning:

A short Journey, especially one taken for pleasure.

Slang Meaning:

An object or place that is being spoken of.

Original Meaning:

A cuffed blow or puff of air.

Slang Meaning:

Another word for Swag(ger).

Clout

Sauce



Thomas Jones ('19) who gave the suggestion of 'Sauce'.

Original Meaning:

Any preparation, usually liquid or semiliquid, eaten as a gravy or as a relish accompanying food.

Slang Meaning:

A craft, job or hobby.

Original Meaning:

A small portion of food or drink or a light meal, especially one eaten between regular meals.

Slang Meaning:

Someone who looks attractive.

Snack

Dab



Kimberly Hewes (English Teacher) who said "Use 'Dab', that's something they say, right?"

Original Meaning:

A method of using a cloth to clean linens and other fabrics.

Slang Meaning:

A modern 'dance' move.

Original Meaning:

Slang term for "Thing".

Slang Meaning:

A stick or weapon.

Thang