

ABSTRACT

The purposes of this paper are to find out the reason of using English slang, how respondents acquire English slang and what kind of slang words that respondents mostly use. By using qualitative method with the paradigm of experimental design to obtain quantitative data, the writer distributed the questionnaires to 30 respondents from 8th semester students of English department in Binus university randomly and then explained the analysis of questionnaires' result in descriptive way and also in table and graphic chart. The findings show that more than half of the respondents admitted the reason behind the usage of English slang words is to cut down the time when talking, texting, or tweeting. TV and film are the most selected answer of the respondents as the part of how they acquire to English slang words. The most type of slang word which mostly used by the respondents is acronym. The result is although all respondents know and think that English slang words is interesting, more than a half of respondents seldom use English slang words in communication. Respondents still use standard words in informal communication. Besides, English slang words that respondents acquire are not much because when respondents were ordered to write other English slang words that they know and use, many respondents just answered one or two words and even three respondents wrote nothing.

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