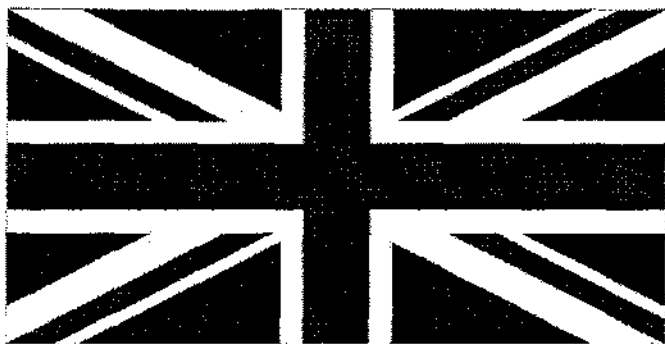


Wot's all this then?



A librarian's guide to teenage British slang

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Not only are teens reading British magazines such as *Sugar*, *Shout*, or *Bliss* – they are devouring British chick lit titles such as *Angus*, *Thongs* and *Full-Frontal Snogging* or the *Mates and Dates* series.

How is a librarian to know if teens are using appropriate language in the library? Test your knowledge of British teen slang:

1. A "slapper" is:
 - A. an especially funny joke
 - B. a promiscuous girl
 - C. a very tight skirt
2. A man yells that you are a "cow." He is insulting:
 - A. your intelligence
 - B. your body
 - C. your eating habits
3. "TaRAH" means:
 - A. Good-bye
 - B. Hooray!
 - C. ... that you pronounce the name "Tara" pretentiously
4. You see an attractive guy, so you say that he is:
 - A. A touch of class
 - B. A cut above
 - C. A bit of alright

5. You see something uncool, so you say it is:
 - A. piff
 - B. klaff
 - C. naff
6. You see an ugly outfit and you say it is:
 - A. bangin'
 - B. hangin'
 - C. jammin'
7. You forgot your "mobey" at home. So now you can't:
 - A. call your mates
 - B. pay your cab fare
 - C. have safe sex
8. "Jaslene is doin' my head in." Jaslene is:
 - A. attacking you physically
 - B. styling your hair
 - C. bothering you
9. The most popular clothing stores for teens are:
 - A. House of Glam, Lights/Camera, and Buttons
 - B. Top Shop, Miss Selfridge, and New Look
 - C. Kitty Kat, Top to Toe, and Posh World

BONUS QUESTION:

10. The legal age for sexual intercourse in the U.K. is:
 - A. 12
 - B. 14
 - C. 16

Give yourself one point for each correct answer!
Answers:

1-b; 2-a; 3-a; 4-c; 5-c; 6-b; 7-a; 8-c; 9-b; 10-c

8 and up: Blimey O'Reilley's trousers, you're fab at this! You could show up in Manchester tomorrow and fit in, no prob.

5-7: You've seen *Love Actually* more than once, but you need to watch more *EastEnders* to really get the hang of things.

Less than 5: You need an intensive weekend watching *Bridget Jones*, listening to Lily Allen and reading *Sugar* magazine. Try again after that and you'll rock the quiz, no doubt!