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THE USE OF SLANG IN EMOTIVE PROSE

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Annotation: The English language contains a rich array of slang words and phrases. This can be particularly seen when examining the day-to-day language of an average speaker. Some words and phrases are perhaps not suitable for general consumption. It is worth stating that their inclusion is to provide a realistic representation of the language. Every slang word refers to this or that group of slang that represents different social groups. This article discusses ways to use slang in emotional prose.

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Every day and every moment people use slang words referring to different social groups. Some of the groups are used rarely but some of them-very often. What does it depend on? To investigate the frequency of usage of slang words referring to different social groups in emotive prose we studied fiction. The analysis of fiction proves that slang words are freely used in every-day life. Having a great thematic range the books reflect all spheres of social life. By definition the fiction deals with social conflicts, i.e. it has a stylistic ground and takes a special place in language. The language material has been selected from the following books: “Generation”, by Douglas Campbell Coupland and “The Death on a Casual Friday”, by Sharon Duncan. Both books come to be the modern representatives of the up-to-date usage of slang words.

The first book is devoted to the young generation and demonstrates the wide usage of slang words referring to the college students’, teenagers’, and drug addicts’ groups of slang.

Being a very popular detective the second book contains a great amount of slang words that refer to the police and underworld groups of slang.

According to the statistic results slang words referring to narcotics (38%) are used more often than slang words referring to other social groups. They are used to name different kinds of drugs: Marijuana, Heroin, Ecstasy, etc. They also help to name the physical and psychological condition of people who are under the influence of drugs. For example there is no the suitable standard word to describe the person who is out of touch with reality. The slang word “freak” gives the sufficient information about such a person in short. This is one of the main reasons of using slang words in emotive prose. Slang words of the present social group are mostly used by young people because they go under the influence of drugs more than other age groups. Some of them come to be buyers and some of them are suppliers but all of them are in close contact with narcotics. They widely use



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slang words referring to narcotics in every-day speech in order to understand and be understood by their mates.

Here we can present the most colorful examples of usage slang words referring to narcotics.

“Martin was horrified that an employee had called the inspectors, and I mean really freaked out”.

In this case the slang word “freak out” has the meaning of “to go out of touch with reality.” Here the slang word helps to describe the psychological state of the hero. The reader can understand that s/he behaves as a drug addict.

“...now she phones friends and relatives at 2:30 in the morning and scares them silly with idle, slightly druggy chat”.

In the present example the slang word “druggy” has the meaning of “a narcotic user.”

Due to this word we can understand that the girl takes drugs. The word helps to imagine the way she talks and behaves.

“...he is in London, England this Christmas, doing ecstasy and going to nightclubs”.

Here the slang word “ecstasy” means “a variety of amphetamine narcotics.” It is used in order to name the special kind of drugs because there is no the suitable standard word to name this narcotic.

“He was weeping and I could only place my chin on his heart and listen-listen while he blubbered that he didn’t know what happened to his youth, and that he had become a slightly freaky robot”.

In the present example the slang word “freaky” is appeared in the meaning of “having qualities of a freak-out”. Due to the usage of the present slang word the reader can imagine the behavior of the man. He seems to be unemotional, dependant person.

“...simply stood beside me while I spoke with the juggler”.

The slang word “a juggler” means “a drug supplier, connector.” This word is used in order to give direct name to the seller of drugs. It also happens to be a code word in the conversations of drug addicts.

“The scent of freshly brewed coffee waved up from below and Elyse sniffed”.

In the present example the slang word “to sniff” is appeared in the meaning of “to inhale a narcotic powder.” The slang word helps the reader to imagine the way the girl smells freshly brewed coffee. She smells it with pleasure as if drug addict smells narcotic.

“They all preferred to spend this night in this acid pad than to return in the mom-and-pop motel”.

Here the slang word “Acid-pad” means “a place (flat) where LSD is taken.” The slang word helps to imagine the place the heroes spend night. Due to its usage we can imagine this place as a very terrible one.

Slang words referring to police group of slang are also widely used (25%) in every-day communication. The book “The Death on a Casual Friday” is devoted to the life of police. This kind of words is mostly used by the people related to police.



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Here are some interesting examples of the usage of police group of slang.

“As I remember, Karen was spooked about the Sick Building business more than any of us”.

The slang word “to spook” is used in the meaning of “to spy, to investigate.”

“But before I get a lawyer I need evidence: photos, recordings of his phone conversations, a bug or something”.

In the present example the slang word “a bug” has the meaning of confidential information, which is got with help of electronic surveillance by installing hidden microphones.” Policemen use this word in order to be short.

“Either way, boss, looks like you got your work cut out for you”.

Here the slang word “cut out” is appeared in the meaning of “main business, purpose.”

The slang word is used in the conversation between two policemen.

“He looks squeaky clean for the first few pages”.

In this case the slang word “squeaky clean” is used in the meaning of “perfectly clean, white.” It comes to be a specific name for the police term.

“I told him about you and he thinks spooks are cool”.

In the present example the slang word “spook” is used in the meaning of “a spy”.

“He is furious that the feds might have a file on him”.

The slang word “fed” is used in the meaning of “a federal government worker”.

“Nope, he got a booster rabies shot today”.

In this case the slang word “booster” is used in the meaning of “a shoplifter”. This word comes to be a specific name for this kind of criminals.

Slang words that are contributed by underworld are not in wide use (5%). Such social groups as robbers, burglars, killers, etc. can be referred to this subculture. These words are supposed to be code words. The people use these words in order not to be understood. So, it is not a surprise that an average speaker does not understand slang words referring to underworld. That is why these slang words are rarely used in the text.

But there are some examples of slang words usage referring to the underworld.

“Oh, My God! It is plutonium! You brought plutonium into my house. This place is a waste dump now”!

Here the slang word “a dump” has the meaning of “shabby or ugly place”.

“Check out the Vegas housewife on chemotherapy,” whispered Tobias to me and Dug, misguidedly trying to win our confidence through dump wisecracks”.

In this case the slang word “wisecracks” is appeared in the meaning of “a joke”.

“His normally pink cheeks are a dove gray, and his chestnut hair has the demented mussed look of a random sniper poking his head out from a burger joint and yelling, “I’ll never surrender”.

In the present example the slang word “poke one’s head” has the meaning of “to show up”.

“...and their biker-bitch chicks with pale green gang tattoos...”.



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Here the slang word “chick” is used in the meaning of “a woman”.

“Half the guys were either dead now or in a federal pen somewhere.” In the present sentence the slang word “pen” has the meaning of “a penitentiary prison”.

Slang words referring to college students (18%) and teenagers (15%) groups of slang are in the middle. They are mostly used by young people. These words usually name the subjects somehow related with college, streets, pubs, relationships between young people.

People who do not contact these things do not use such words and sometimes do not get acquainted with them and their meaning because the life of these slang words is usually short. These facts prove the low frequency of slang words usage referring to these social groups.

Here some colorful examples of usage of slang words referring to teenagers group of slang.

“Hi, Andy,” Elvissa whispers, bending down to peck me on the cheek.”

In this case the slang word “peck” has the meaning of “to kiss”.

“... the buzz-cut love child, spoiled little monster who hands a microwaved dish of macaroni back to mum and commands, “There is a patch in the middle that’s still cold. Reheat it”!

Here the slang word “buzz-cut” is appeared in the meaning of “nice, lively”.

The word is usually used when speak about something with pleasure.

“I spied Matt Petersen. Looking like a bearded Norseman, stomping down the other side of the wide ramp, red toolbox in hand”.

In the present sentence the slang word “stomp” is used in the meaning of “to move quickly”.

“But then, hey! Come 5 o’clock. I’d go nuts”!

In this sentence the slang word “go nuts” is appeared in the meaning of “to have fun”.

“Her advisor was a dork”.

Here the slang word “a dork” is used in the meaning of “an idiot”.

“Her brown stable boots were dusty, the kind my daughter Melissa wore for a year when she was eleven and horse-crazy and just before she discovered boys”

In the present example the slang word “Horse-crazy” has the meaning of “very young, girlish”.

The following examples demonstrate the usage of slang words referring to the college students’ group of slang.

“Chill, boy. This sort of things is misdemeanor”

In this example the slang word “chill” is used in the meaning of “to relax”.

“Elvissa gathered the pooch after leaving the college”.

Here the slang word “pooch” is appeared in the meaning of “information”.

“Thanks, god. I’m working tonight. Creepy as it may be, dreary as it may be, representative as it may be, work keeps me level”.



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In the present example the slang word “creepy” has the meaning of “disgusting, loathsome”.

“At Thanksgiving two years ago, after dinner my mother was bagging all of the dinner trash into a huge nonbiodegradable bag”.

In this case the slang word “bag” means “to get rid of”.

“The staff were all bitching about commuting time”.

Here the slang word “bitch” is appeared in the meaning of “to complain”.

“She shook her head, then hesitated, “Well, I’ve been hanging out with Gregg”.

In the present example the slang word “Hang out” is used in the meaning of “to pass time.”

“She was dating a hot guy from Brazil who was in her math class; she hated economics and would probably flunk it”.

In the present case the slang word “flunk” is used in the meaning of “to fail an examination”.

So, according to the present data we can conclude that slang words referring to narcotics and police groups of slang are used by everybody, while such slang groups as college students and teenagers are used by the limited part of society. Slang words referring to the underworld are rarely used because they commonly name the things related with criminals.

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