

# A to Z English



## Quick Chat 22: Do you speak meme?

In this episode, Kevin, Jack, and Xochitl talk about memes on the internet. Do you speak meme? How do you use them? What are your favorites? How are they different in your country?

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## Discussion Questions:

1. What is a meme?
2. Have you ever created a meme? If yes, what was the meme?
3. Do you enjoy looking at and reading memes? If yes, why? If no, why not?

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You are listening to the A-Z English podcast.

**00:00:09**Kevin

Welcome to an A-Z English quick chat. Today we're going to surprise each other with a topic and see where the conversation goes.

**00:00:16**Kevin

Remember, you can check our website for a study guide with vocabulary notes, discussion questions as more, as well as links to our WhatsApp, Facebook and other social media so you can join in the convo.

**00:00:26**Kevin

Patience and today, for the first time, as many of you saw or listened to in our live stream, we are joined by socho, our new third and amazing host.

**00:00:38**Kevin

So we're going to let her introduce a topic.

**00:00:40**Kevin

For today and see.

**00:00:42**Kevin

See what the youth of the?

**00:00:43**Kevin

World want to talk about?

**00:00:46** 발표자 1

OK.

**00:00:46**Xochitl

OK, so the topic I thought about.

**00:00:48**Xochitl

Is means and I think I'm sure you guys were around Internet called design.

**00:00:54**Xochitl

You know, Internet culture wings were first emerging.

**00:00:57**Kevin

Yeah, I I remember some very old means.

**00:00:57**Xochitl

You know what I mean?

**00:01:01**Kevin

I'm on.

**00:01:01**Kevin

I'm on Reddit a lot.

**00:01:03**Kevin

Like probably too much.

**00:01:05**Kevin

And so that's where I get most of my memes.

**00:01:08**Kevin

I don't do a lot of Facebook or other social media, but but read it's a meme culture as well.

**00:01:13**Kevin

And so, yeah, that's where I get a lot of mine.

**00:01:16**Kevin

And I was.

**00:01:16**Kevin

Definitely around at.

**00:01:18**Kevin

The beginning of the Internet, the dawn of time.

**00:01:21**Jack

Yeah, I'm pretty Internet.

**00:01:23**Jack

I'm, I'm, I'm, I'm a dinosaur, you know, when it comes to this stuff.

**00:01:29** 발표자 1

So, so I'm curious.

**00:01:30**Kevin

For me means, although I see them online, a lot of people just post them on Reddit as you know this is the thought or whatever and then people comment on them.

**00:01:41**Kevin

I use memes as as a reply mostly I I don't like create my own means too much, but like if I'm in a chat with a friend, I have a small library of memes that I have saved on my phone, just the ones that I like the best.

**00:01:58**Kevin

And and I use them to reply.

**00:02:00**Kevin

So if a friend like Jack not too long ago asked me if I was able to do something to help him and I like Rick and Morty, and there's the the Oh yeah can do meeseeks meme.

**00:02:12**Kevin

And so I replied with that meme to him instead of, you know, typing out yeah, yeah, I can do that.

**00:02:18**Kevin

I replied with the meme.

**00:02:19**Kevin

How do you use memes?

**00:02:23**Xochitl

I think also like in conversations or sometimes like, I think we make our own names and post them on our Facebook or Instagram or our stories.

**00:02:24**Kevin

With the same.

**00:02:33**Xochitl

Like, I'm sorry.

**00:02:34**Xochitl

Facebook stories, but I do.

**00:02:36**Xochitl

Use a lot in conversations, but I do tend to make my own for a while.

**00:02:39**Xochitl

My friends and I had a picture of me.

**00:02:42**Xochitl

Where I looked like I was giving like I was like what the heck like this like what the heck look on my face and.

**00:02:49**Xochitl

We would use it.

**00:02:50**Xochitl

For like Redis is mean of me ever like weird happened so like please.

**00:02:53** 발표자

No, no.

**00:02:56**Xochitl

Use our own face.

**00:02:58**Xochitl

Sometimes we just make.

**00:02:59**Xochitl

Their own names and then also.

**00:03:00**Kevin

And do you still put text on them like you often see with with more traditional Internet means?

**00:03:05**Kevin

Or is it just the image of you?

**00:03:06**Kevin

Was that itself the mean?

**00:03:09**Xochitl

I think they just the.

**00:03:10**Xochitl

Image was in teams, yeah?

**00:03:10**Kevin

It was just the.

**00:03:11**Kevin

Image so just confused right?

**00:03:14**Xochitl

Like, yeah, so yeah, and.

**00:03:17**Xochitl

Then we do often, just like take.

**00:03:19**Xochitl

Names from the Internet like download it on her phone.

**00:03:23**Xochitl

And then I'm sure you see this a lot, but you black out like the word.

**00:03:25**Xochitl

And put a new one on top of it.

**00:03:27**Jack

Sure. Yeah, kind of building.

**00:03:28**Kevin

Oh, OK.

**00:03:29**Kevin

So it's not like it's like subtitles.

**00:03:30**Jack

On an idea, right, like, yeah.

**00:03:33**Xochitl

Like the famous bringing words like I am once again asking for financial support and we would like blacking out.

**00:03:40**Xochitl

But I am once again asking for your emotional support and once again asking.

**00:03:44**Xochitl

For whatever, like, yeah, yeah.

**00:03:47**Kevin

Yeah, OK.

**00:03:48**Kevin

I've I've seen those, though.

**00:03:49**Kevin

Mean there's so many meme.

**00:03:50**Kevin

Generators online as well.

**00:03:53**Kevin

I have made some of my own as well, like just copying the format of 1 but you know changing it to fit the context and sending it over.

**00:04:02**Kevin

Yeah, means are a cool part of Internet culture.

**00:04:06**Jack

When when do you think that they started like when did when was the first?

**00:04:10**Jack

Because I know the first meeting was like the one of the first means.

**00:04:15**Jack

Is like the kind of dirtbag guy, you know, he's had these sideways and he's kind of a a scumbag, you know?

**00:04:24**Jack

So anytime, is that what it is that you?

**00:04:24**Kevin

Scumbag Steve.

**00:04:26** 발표자 1

Yeah, yeah.

**00:04:26**Jack

Is that him?

**00:04:28**Kevin

That you ask.

**00:04:29**Xochitl

So something like that.

**00:04:30**Kevin

It's scumbag, scumbag Steve.

**00:04:30**Jack

Yeah, so like what would be like a situation where you would use scumbag?

**00:04:35**Jack

He would be like if somebody.

**00:04:37**Jack

Did something kind of rude to you or whatever.

**00:04:41**Jack

You would reply with a picture of scumbag Steve and that would that.

**00:04:46**Jack

I mean essentially that's is that I mean, how right?

**00:04:49**Jack

Am I using the memes correctly?

**00:04:50**Jack

I'm I'm I'm not really sure.

**00:04:52**Kevin

You know what I would see a lot of times is like for those memes because they usually have text.

**00:04:58**Kevin

On them, and you can put your own text on them as well.

**00:05:01**Kevin

And So what would be an example of a a scumbag Steve thing?

**00:05:05**Xochitl

I remember 1 words like.

**00:05:08**Xochitl

There's hand towels in the bathroom, but he uses your, she told.

**00:05:12**Xochitl

Like, wipe his hands and I remember that it.

**00:05:15**Xochitl

Was just like scumbag Steve.

**00:05:16**Kevin

Yes, that's great.

**00:05:18**Kevin

So so maybe Jack you come over to my house and you use.

**00:05:21**Kevin

The wrong towel.

**00:05:23**Kevin

And so then, like in our group chat, you know of, of everyone, you come over and I reply later with that.

**00:05:29**Kevin

Like Jack comes over to my house and uses the wrong towel and I use this scumbag Steve meme and I and I post that.

**00:05:32**Jack

Or I drank your last beer or something like that.

**00:05:36**Jack

Like I take the last beer out of your fridge and then you go to get your beer and I'm already drank.

**00:05:41**Jack

It so I'm scumbag Steve, you know?

**00:05:46**Kevin

Yeah, those are, yes.

**00:05:47**Kevin

Kind like Steve is definitely one of the older means not not super old, but it's one of the older, older memes for sure.

**00:05:54**Xochitl

That was one of the first means because that was like the first one that is exposed to that one in awkward Penguin and the little kid that does like.

**00:06:02**Xochitl

The fish thing.

**00:06:02**Xochitl

Like, yeah.

**00:06:03**Jack

Yeah, that's right. I.

**00:06:04**Kevin

Awkward Penguin.

**00:06:05**Kevin

An awesome Penguin.

**00:06:06**Kevin

Remember like where they switched the colors and switched the sides?

**00:06:08**Kevin

Yeah, those are definitely older and it it's really fun seeing memes.

**00:06:13**Kevin

Come back because.

**00:06:15**Kevin

Scumbag Steve, awkward Penguin.

**00:06:17**Kevin

You don't see those too often these days, actually, but you know, ten years ago that was.

**00:06:25**Kevin

You know, almost every everything on Reddit was one of those, one of those memes.

**00:06:30**Kevin

And sometimes people bring them back and fill them back, and it's always great when they're when they're used correctly.

**00:06:36**Jack

Yeah, I I remember another meme of is it like a nerdy kid named Brian or something and he's got braces?

**00:06:45**Jack

And he just has bad luck all the time.

**00:06:48**Jack

Like, you know you, Brad.

**00:06:48**Kevin

Bad luck, Brian. Yep, that's.

**00:06:50**Jack

Like Brian.

**00:06:51**Jack

Is that what he is?

**00:06:51**Jack

Is am I right?

**00:06:52**Xochitl

Yeah, good memory.

**00:06:54**Xochitl

Oh my God.

**00:06:55**Xochitl

Said that like Brian.

**00:06:56**Kevin

I'm, I'm.

**00:06:56**Kevin

I'm reading a lot.

**00:06:57**Jack

Brian he's got bad luck.

**00:06:58**Jack

What's his name again?

**00:07:01**Jack

Yeah, so like he he shows up at 10:30, but the test started at 9:30 or something like that, you know? So there's some some horrible luck situation. Yeah, bad luck, Brian. Scumbag Steve.

**00:07:01** 발표자 1

Give it to me.

**00:07:12**Kevin

I think one of my favorites of the old names was overly attached girlfriend.

**00:07:17**Kevin

Do you remember that one?

**00:07:17**Xochitl

Oh yeah.

**00:07:18**Kevin

It was like the girlfriend who's like got this like this look up.

**00:07:21**Kevin

Just like I love you look.

**00:07:22**Kevin

And and it was always just, yeah, like everything you do, she's just overly attached to you.

**00:07:29**Kevin

She's an interesting example of of meme culture as well.

**00:07:33**Kevin

The the woman who was that because most of those means it was just some random.

**00:07:38**Kevin

It was like the picture of Socho.

**00:07:39**Kevin

That her friends use.

**00:07:41**Kevin

But then it.

**00:07:41**Kevin

Slowly just goes out into the actual Internet and people.

**00:07:44**Kevin

Just start to.

**00:07:45**Kevin

Use it.



**00:07:46**Kevin

And so it was like, oh, that's me.

**00:07:47**Kevin

Like there's there's confused social that yeah, so the the girl who did overly attached girlfriend, she actually used it to make a bit of a a social media presence.

**00:07:49**Jack

You're famous, it went, it goes viral, I mean, yeah.

**00:08:00**Kevin

She got a bit famous from it.

**00:08:02**Kevin

I think she had like a pretty famous Instagram account and Facebook page and things for for a while.

**00:08:07**Kevin

I think she's calmed down now.

**00:08:08**Kevin

I never really followed her, but I.

**00:08:09**Kevin

Just saw things occasionally.

**00:08:11**Kevin

Come up. Yeah, she yeah.

**00:08:11** 발표자 1

She had a.

**00:08:12**Xochitl

GQ but I remember seeing YouTube video and then and it was just funny because like the the means are cultural too, right?

**00:08:20**Xochitl

And then so like a lot of the things that like she.

**00:08:22**Xochitl

Said like she would she?

**00:08:24**Xochitl

Would name herself as like examples of overly attached girlfriend and I'm thinking and this is confirmation I get into with my friends.

**00:08:28**Kevin

Right. OK.

**00:08:32**Xochitl

A lot.

**00:08:32**Xochitl

In Mexico, like, those things aren't considered like overly attached girlfriend. In the US, it's like.

**00:08:37**Xochitl

It's really weird.

**00:08:38**Xochitl

Like casual dating here is really formal compared to the US like US is really casual here. Like you could go on a casual date and the person will.

**00:08:47**Xochitl

Take you out to eat.

**00:08:48**Xochitl

And pay for.

**00:08:49**Xochitl

Everything involving and like in the US it's like.

**00:08:51**Xochitl

Hey, you wanna Netflix and chill?

**00:08:53**Xochitl

Like it's just it's weird to see the differences between like and.

**00:08:57**Xochitl

It just goes back to me.

**00:08:58**Xochitl

It's like the.

**00:09:00**Xochitl

There's means in Spanish language and names in Korea and using English.

**00:09:05**Kevin

Means definitely are very cultural.

**00:09:08**Kevin

Yeah, it's it's interesting to see how how the same thing.

**00:09:12**Kevin

It's like, this is funny, right?

**00:09:13**Kevin

And someone in other countries like, no, but what do you mean?

**00:09:16**Kevin

I don't, I don't understand.

**00:09:18**Jack

Yeah, what's the joke, right?

**00:09:18**Kevin

Like, I mean, this doesn't.

**00:09:20**Kevin

Yeah, exactly, but that's humor.

**00:09:20**Jack

Yeah, yeah.

**00:09:22**Kevin

I mean, that's actually something that would be.

**00:09:24**Kevin

Interesting to talk about, maybe in another episode later on is is humor types and what works in America?

**00:09:31**Kevin

I mean, even in English speaking countries, it's different.

**00:09:33**Kevin

American humor is different from British humor and it's famous.

**00:09:37**Kevin

There's there's British.

**00:09:39**Kevin

And that's the same with means, of course, as as well, my favorite for means.

**00:09:44**Kevin

I don't know if you guys ever use it like I we're on WhatsApp, of course, right?

**00:09:49**Kevin

And WhatsApp is a pretty good app for chat. And my favorite chatting app though is discord.

**00:09:55**Kevin

Because Discord has an amazing meme library, you can basically type it.

**00:09:59**Kevin

They've got like thousands and thousands and thousands of memes to send.

**00:10:03**Kevin

It's basically the emoticon of WhatsApp. So instead of sending a little sticker or whatever, instead of sending a modicon, you send me to everyone. And so yeah, discord is great.

**00:10:13** 발표자 1

For for that.

**00:10:14**Kevin

You have an entire conversation in meme only.

**00:10:18**Kevin

Well, so for everybody listening out there, what's your favorite meme?

**00:10:22**Kevin

And even if it's in your language, actually, maybe try and reply to us in our WhatsApp chat or on our web page and actually send us a meme.

**00:10:29**Kevin

I would love to see some non-english means, although please if it's in your language translate it to English and then we can see if we can actually understand.

**00:10:37**Kevin

What the joke itself is because I I.

**00:10:41**Kevin

I think it would be interesting to see both the meme and how it's used, so please share your memes with us here on the A-Z English podcast.

**00:10:52**Kevin

So thank you everybody for listening.

**00:10:54**Kevin

Remember, you can join our WhatsApp group.

**00:10:56**Kevin

Check our web page, tell us what you think, and if you're on Apple Podcasts, you know, click that.

**00:11:01**Kevin

Five star button and leave us some comments that will be very helpful.

**00:11:04**Kevin

So we'll see you all next time.

**00:11:06** 발표자 1

All right. Bye, bye.