

# A to Z English



## A to Z Quick Chat 55: Generation Z Slang

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**00:00:00** Jack

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**00:00:12** Jack

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**00:00:21** Jack

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**00:00:29** Jack

It might be a little bit easier for you to read along as you listen to the podcast, but today social has prepared 3.

**00:00:39** Jack

Expressions and we call this millennial slang, and she is going to see if my old ancient generation X sensibility will be able to understand these three expressions so.

**00:01:00** Jack

I'm gonna kick it off to you and you tell me.

**00:01:02** Jack

What are the three pieces of millennials, millennial slang?

**00:01:10** Xochitl

Hey Jack.

00:01:10Xochitl

Our first one today is gonna be take the L that's take the L like the L.

00:01:20Xochitl

You know what that means?

00:01:22Xochitl

Not a word, but a phrase.

00:01:24Jack

Take the L which is an expression I think I know this one.

00:01:29Jack

As an athlete.

00:01:30Jack

I may be familiar with this, but I'm going to go with my.

00:01:36Jack

I'm going to go with the literal sense first.

00:01:38Jack

OK to take the L.

00:01:41Jack

Means to take the train the subway in Chicago.

00:01:46Jack

Ago and in Chicago, the L is the L, the L is the name of the train.

00:01:53Jack

It's like in.

00:01:54Xochitl

And Soul Train.

00:01:55Jack

They call it the L because it is elevated off the ground.

00:02:01Jack

It's not a subway.

00:02:02Jack

It's kind of the opposite, where it's built up over the streets and so people will take the L and, you know, that's a way to move around the city.

00:02:14Jack

It's like a subway.

00:02:16Jack

But it's not underground.

00:02:18Jack

It's actually above ground and it's called the L so if you're going to take the L.

00:02:24Jack

You take the elevated train now.

00:02:28 Jack

I'm pretty sure that your answer is not related to civil engineering.

00:02:38 Jack

I think that might be a little bit off base.

00:02:43 Jack

And I think the take L.

00:02:46 발표자

A little bit.

00:02:49 Jack

I think it means to just accept.

00:02:53 Jack

The loss, like you loss, is that correct?

00:02:55 Xochitl

Yes, you got it.

00:03:00 Xochitl

OK.

00:03:00 Jack

OK.

00:03:01 Xochitl

So let's say like.

00:03:08 Xochitl

The athlete didn't play at all in the Olympics.

00:03:14 Xochitl

She took the L.

00:03:19 Xochitl

Places where our listeners you don't know is like if you place in the in a competition, you get stuck in a third place usually and then anything after that means you didn't place actually.

00:03:34 Xochitl

Facing a competition right, Jack, would you agree?

00:03:37 Xochitl

I would say placing means you out for a second or third.

00:03:41 Jack

Ohh, definitely you're taking out, but I think that there's also one more component is my understanding is accepting your loss gracefully.

00:03:51 Xochitl

Yeah, that's true.

00:03:53 Jack

Yeah, if you take the L, it doesn't mean you are like throwing chairs and screaming.

00:03:59 Jack

And you're like because that would be not taking the L that would be kind of the opposite, right?

00:04:04 Xochitl

Right.

00:04:05 Xochitl

Protesting the owl contesting the.

00:04:09 Jack

Testing the L, throwing the ball across the gym, throwing your chair on the floor, kicking your chair.

00:04:19 Jack

It's that's not taking the out.

00:04:20 Xochitl

Throwing a tantrum, yeah.

00:04:22 Jack

Yeah, having a temper tantrum like a little baby is definitely not taking the pill and so.

00:04:32 Jack

I would say there's.

00:04:32 Jack

Something else a little bit interesting about taking the out, which is like gracefully taking the owl.

00:04:39 Jack

It means being a good sport, accepting that you lost.

00:04:45 Xochitl

And not being a sore loser like used to say someone who is like, throws a tantrum or has that attitude about losing, I think it has pretty big in American culture.

00:04:55 Xochitl

It's like you should never be a sore loser.

00:04:58 Xochitl

You should be like an honorable loser and just accept that you lost and let the winning team have the victory or the winning.

00:05:05 Xochitl

Competitor have their victory.

00:05:09 Jack

Yeah, I totally agree.

00:05:10 Jack

Like losing humbly.

00:05:13 Jack

Is actually a virtue in American culture.

00:05:17 Jack

Even though you lost, you still shake hands with the other team.

00:05:22 Jack

You tell the other team that they played well.

00:05:25 Jack

It was a good game.

00:05:27 Jack

Good sportsmanship goes a long way in American culture.

00:05:33 Jack

It's a sign.

00:05:34 Jack

Of maturity.

00:05:36 Jack

It's a sign of being a good person.

00:05:38 Jack

It's being able to lose gracefully and.

00:05:43 Jack

Yeah, I think uh, taking the L I've.

00:05:46 Jack

I've heard that before.

00:05:48 Jack

Uh, just because I was a basketball player, so yeah.

00:05:52 Xochitl

Yeah. Yep.

00:05:54 Xochitl

So that means looking to our next one, our next phrase, which is are not phrase our next vocabulary which is salty to be salty you.

00:06:06 Xochitl

Know what it means?

00:06:08 Jack

Ohh yeah, to be salty.

00:06:11 Jack

So can I use this in a sentence?

00:06:14 Jack

You know.

00:06:15 Xochitl

Yes, or you can.

00:06:16 Xochitl

Ask me that, but you can try using the.

00:06:18 Xochitl

Sentence from.

00:06:19 Jack

Let me try to use it in a sentence. OK, so I got a 95 on my test and social got a 93.

00:06:31 Jack

And she social is kind of like, you know, oh, gosh, I wish I had a higher score and then I can turn to you and say don't be salty. 93 is a good score. Don't be salty about that. Is that is that correct?

00:06:51 Xochitl

I think so.

00:06:51 Xochitl

It's closed for sure.

00:06:53 Xochitl

I think salty has kind of a little bit of a stronger connotation.

00:06:53 Jack

OK.

00:06:57 Xochitl

It's close to being a sore loser or being mad, like being pretty mad about stuff so having bad sportsmanship or if it's if you lost.

00:07:07 Xochitl

If you took the L on something but you won't accept it.

00:07:11 Xochitl

So then you're being a sore loser.

00:07:13 Xochitl

Then you're.

00:07:14 Xochitl

Being clean.

00:07:16 Xochitl

So it's like it's close, it's.

00:07:18 Xochitl

Really similar to what you said, but it's just like a little bit stronger.

00:07:22 Xochitl

Like if someone's being salty, they're not just disappointed. They're like mad and they're being kind of.

00:07:22 Jack

Right.

00:07:28 Xochitl

Overdramatic, or too mad?

00:07:30 Xochitl

About the situation and like, don't be salty.

00:07:32 Xochitl

About that. Come on.

00:07:33 Jack

Right.

00:07:34 Jack

Or if you you see your friend on a Monday morning and you're like, hey, how are you?

00:07:40 Jack

Ohh what's wrong? Nothing.

00:07:43 Jack

Ohh, do you want to go to the party this weekend?

00:07:46 Jack

No, it's like and you can ask your friend like, why?

00:07:51 Jack

What's wrong?

00:07:51 Jack

Why are you being so salty?

00:07:54 Xochitl

Yeah, yeah.

00:07:54 Jack

And they it could be another reason outside of the situation that is causing them to feel salty.

00:08:03 Jack

And so yeah, yeah.

00:08:05 Xochitl

Or like a good synonym would be like someone who's sulking as well.

00:08:10 Xochitl

You're sulking like you're pouting and generally having a bad disposition towards people or the situation when you're being salty.

00:08:19 Xochitl

So that's a good synonym for it.

00:08:23 Jack

I'll give you.

00:08:23 Jack

Full confession I try to stay away from.

00:08:25 Jack

People that are.

00:08:27 Jack

It really bothers me because my, in my opinion, they are taking their bad feelings and they're putting it on you.

00:08:37 Xochitl

Right.

00:08:38 Xochitl

They're like externalizing it might be a good vocab for all the scenarios, but they're just.

00:08:42 Jack

Externalizing it. Excellence, yeah.

00:08:45 Xochitl

Externalizing would mean when you have a situation within yourself and you're projecting it outwards, you generally externalizing so you're trying to resolve those feelings by putting them on other people or other situations instead of dealing with it.

00:09:05 Jack

Let me ask you a question.

00:09:06 Jack

Do you ever.

00:09:07 Jack

Feel salty sometimes.

00:09:09 Xochitl

I think everyone does right, but I try not to like.

00:09:15 Xochitl

I try not to take things out on other people, and if I do, I try to apologize.

00:09:20 Xochitl

Because I really don't like.

00:09:24 Xochitl

I just don't think it's productive to take my frustration out on other people, which of course, like they're just human.

00:09:29 Xochitl

Sometimes we will do it, but it's good to acknowledge when you're wrong and say that you're sorry.

00:09:34 Xochitl

I think an apology goes a really long way.

00:09:38 Xochitl

Now that I recently started my new job, I've noticed that some I like haven't had any problems with anyone I'm working with, but some of my kids have problems with



each other and I was talking to one of my coworkers and he said he like refuses to apologize because he didn't do anything wrong and I said, don't you ever.

00:09:57Xochitl

Feel like apologizing because you hurt someone's feeling unnecessarily. Have to be wrong, but you make the other person feel bad, and he said like no.

00:10:08Xochitl

That he basically admitted he's too proud to say sorry, even though he's a little bit in the wrong and I just think an apology can go a long way because sometimes it's not about being right or.

00:10:12Jack

You're right.

00:10:19Xochitl

Wrong. It's about.

00:10:20Xochitl

Like how everyone feels.

00:10:23Xochitl

Makes sense. Like do.

00:10:24Jack

No, it makes perfect sense.

00:10:26Jack

And I'm from Minnesota, we say sorry for everything.

00:10:29Jack

If I'm walking down the street and I bump into somebody, I'm like, ohh, I'm sorry.

00:10:34Jack

I'm sorry.

00:10:35Jack

You know it it we overuse the word.

00:10:39Jack

Sorry in in Minnesota and I was probably similar.

00:10:45Xochitl

Yeah, I would say make sure Americans tend to over apologize and it's something that's like really weird to Koreans, Korean people.

00:10:54Xochitl

When I'm in Korea, they didn't understand why they like.

00:10:57Xochitl

Sorry so often.

00:10:58Xochitl

If you like a mannerism and go into your.

00:11:02Xochitl

And if you actually bump somewhere and you would say sorry, and in Korea you would not.

**00:11:06**Xochitl

Apologize for bumping in so much.

**00:11:09**Jack

I mean, I'm such a weirdo. I grew up in Minnesota. I say hello to strangers on the streets. If I'm walking on the street and somebody's walking normally, I'm like, oh, hello.

**00:11:10**Xochitl

Or things like that.

**00:11:22**Jack

And then they look at me like, do I know you who who don't kill me?

**00:11:28**Jack

You know, I'm just like, no, no.

**00:11:31**Jack

This Minnesota, we we sell, we say hello to strangers, you know.

**00:11:35**Jack

And it's such a bizarre concept in in Korea, yeah.

**00:11:37**Xochitl

All right.

**00:11:40**Xochitl

Yeah, I say.

**00:11:41**Xochitl

Americans, we tend to be really over friendly, too.

**00:11:44**Xochitl

We should do an.

**00:11:45**Xochitl

Episode about that about like.

**00:11:47**Xochitl

Cultural differences and like that we good.

**00:11:50**Xochitl

But anyway, our next.

**00:11:51**Xochitl

Vocabulary is.

**00:11:52**Jack

OK, OK.

**00:11:56**Xochitl

You know what bougie means.

**00:12:00**Xochitl

BOGJE.

00:12:01 Jack

Well, I know this one because.

00:12:02 Jack

I am not bougie.

00:12:07 Jack

Sorry, Bougie comes from the French word bourgeois, which means the.

00:12:17 Jack

Upper class The the wealthy aristocracy.

00:12:18 Xochitl

Visualize the yeah.

00:12:23 Jack

Is that right?

00:12:25 Xochitl

Yes, I guess.

00:12:27 Xochitl

They're like.

00:12:29 Xochitl

They're quite aristocracy, but they are definitely like up above the middle or working class.

00:12:35 Jack

The the wealthy class, you know?

00:12:37 Jack

Yeah, bougie.

00:12:39 Jack

And if you're, if you're bougie.

00:12:43 Jack

You generally speaking.

00:12:48 Jack

You, you, you don't worry about money too much.

00:12:50 Jack

So let's say uh for example.

00:12:53 Jack

Uh, I am friends with a very bougie person.

00:12:57 Jack

My bougie friend might say to me, hey, let's go.

00:13:02 Jack

Let's go eat at this really nice restaurant.

00:13:05 Jack

It's great they have steak.

00:13:07 Jack

And I have.

00:13:09 Jack

You know, \$20 in my wallet, you know.

00:13:13 Jack

I'm like, I can't afford to eat at that steakhouse. I don't have my mom and dad's credit card to spend money on and and and a bougie person might not understand, you know, money. They think money is just. It's on my mom's credit card, you know.

00:13:33 Jack

And then they mom pays it, or dad pays it and they dress very nicely, and they're a little bit, I would say, a bougie person is disconnected from the reality of most people's lives.

00:13:50 Jack

They just.

00:13:51 Xochitl

I would also say if if like.

00:13:55 Xochitl

Littleness of this term has been taken down by pop culture and now just kind of denotes someone with expensive taste mostly, or someone who appears to have expensive tastes or appears to be fancy.

00:14:03 Jack

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:14:08 Xochitl

Good examples like the.

00:14:13 Xochitl

Their YouTube channel, where they do like expensive taste test.

00:14:18 Xochitl

And had Shakira on it and she got like a perfect score, including the bonus rounds.

00:14:22 Xochitl

And it's like Shakira is bougie cause she has very expensive.

00:14:26 Xochitl

OK.

00:14:27 Jack

Right, right, right.

00:14:28 Xochitl

So yeah, but yes, generally I I would agree with your definition exactly.

00:14:33 Xochitl

Someone who? Yeah.

00:14:36 Jack

A bougie person in a in a in a, in a in a, a Jack, a Jack.

00:14:42 Jack

Jack is not bougie.

00:14:45 Jack

If you put 2 bags in front of me and one is a Louis Vuitton and the other is a Nike bag and I look at the price tag, I'm gonna buy the Nike bag 91.

00:14:56 Jack

100% of the time, you know, because I'm not gonna buy a bag that costs more than my car, you know?

00:14:59 Xochitl

Right.

00:15:07 Jack

It's just not gonna happen.

00:15:09 Xochitl

And that's something interesting also about, I think Korean versus American culture.

00:15:15 Xochitl

Is that Korean people generally the culture tends to favor BG expressions of wealth like spending money on material things like.

00:15:26 Xochitl

Not necessarily a flashy, but make it.

00:15:29 Xochitl

Either seen or represent a certain class status, and in America we're almost kind of how proud about how broke we are or how like we're not gonna like spend money on a designer brands or bags or cars to impress people.

00:15:44 발표자

Right.

00:15:48 Xochitl

Most of the time.

00:15:50 Xochitl

And and in Korean culture, really different boyfriends who buy their girlfriends or leave the town bag if they can't, people will go into debt to get like a new car, even if it's above their means.

00:16:02 Xochitl

Just because people criticize them as they're using a used car, and in America, it's almost like how cheap could you get that?

00:16:10 Xochitl

Sorry, you know, it's like Bob quick.

00:16:14 Jack

Both in slow, Full disclosure by wife does have a channel and A and a.

00:16:21 Jack

A Louis Vuitton bag and a golden goose shoes.

00:16:28 Jack

Is that something too?

00:16:30 Jack

Have you heard of those?

00:16:30 Xochitl

I don't.

00:16:32 Xochitl

Oh yeah, I have.

00:16:33 Xochitl

Heard of those I?

00:16:34 Xochitl

Have they're only like once I need.

00:16:36 Xochitl

To Google those, yeah.

00:16:37 Jack

Yeah, they're quite the thing here in.

00:16:39 Jack

Korea and I I.

00:16:40 Jack

I yeah, I.

00:16:44 Jack

Is that she had this before we got married and A and I asked her how much is that?

And and I I was thinking, you know, it's like that's \$100.

00:16:52 Jack

And then when I heard the number, I was like, you know, in a cartoon where your eyes like pop out of your head, you know, I was like, really.

00:17:04 Xochitl

Good honey.

00:17:04 Jack

Please don't tell me that ever again.

00:17:07 Jack

Yeah, you know?

00:17:10 Jack

But yeah, it's one of those things where we have an expression in Korean called the Dwayne John Girl, have you ever heard that before?

**00:17:18**Xochitl

I haven't heard of.

**00:17:20**Jack

A dwija girl is uh, so Dwen Jiang is a type of soup gwangjang jigae and it's.

**00:17:27**Xochitl

Is my favorite.

**00:17:29**Jack

Oh, it's your favorite.

**00:17:30**Xochitl

Sorry, go ahead.

**00:17:30**Jack

It's a very it's very easy to it's easy to make you just chop up vegetables, you put it in the pot, you put some tofu, you put some spice in there.

**00:17:31**Xochitl

Yeah, it's my favorite Sanford.

**00:17:40**Xochitl

You put the soy bean.

**00:17:42**Xochitl

Paste which is genuine.

**00:17:42**Jack

Soybean paste, right and it's very delicious, but it's very cheap to make.

**00:17:47**Jack

And so in Korea, there's a phenomenon where a young office worker just the first year, second year, will eat wenjiang every day in the evening and save up all her money for the first year's paycheck to buy a Louis Vuitton or a Chanel handbag that they can.

**00:18:07**Jack

Where to work and I also think like Starbucks is very expensive in Korea.

**00:18:14**Jack

It's one of the most expensive brands coffee companies in Korea.

**00:18:22**Jack

Young people will starve themselves for lunch or dinner just so they can buy a to go cup of Starbucks and be seen walking down the street drinking their Starbucks with their Louis Vuitton handbag.

**00:18:39**Jack

And it's very much like.

**00:18:41**Jack

Kind of an image thing.

00:18:43 Jack

Like wow, she's very successful, but it's all, you know, kind of a facade, because at home they're sleeping on a mattress with a, you know, eating ramien every evening.

00:18:56 Jack

So it's a, it's a very interesting phenomenon here and.

00:19:01 Xochitl

That is interesting.

00:19:02 Xochitl

Though Guangdong Girl is the opposite of a bougie girl, I'll actually pee the bougie on the outside.

00:19:09 Xochitl

But on the inside, she's broke.

00:19:13 Jack

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:19:13 Jack

It's very much about external appearance appearance.

00:19:17 Jack

And so let me throw this out there to, to the rest of our listeners, are you, are you a Dwayne John girl?

00:19:25 Jack

Are you interested in buying that expensive handbag and the really nice watch or whatever so that you can be seen?

00:19:36 Jack

With these very expensive clothing, clothing items or accessories.

00:19:41 Jack

Is but really in the evenings you eat very cheaply so that you can save up for these very expensive accessories.

00:19:51 Jack

I'm very curious.

00:19:52 Xochitl

We can maintain this lifestyle.

00:19:55 Xochitl

Do you agree with this?

00:19:56 Xochitl

Do you agree with maintaining a busy lifestyle outside of your means?

00:20:01 Xochitl



Which if our view or listeners doesn't know outside of your means, means spending more than you earn, or like spending on items that are more expensive, what you can really.

**00:20:12**Xochitl

Eat in your life.

**00:20:14**Jack

Yeah, I'm very curious because a lot of our listeners are female, but male, you know, for men, it might be a very expensive pair of Michael Jordan shoes, you know, or something like that.

**00:20:26**Xochitl

Or a Rolex.

**00:20:27**Jack

Or Rolex, a big gold chain or something.

**00:20:30**Jack

You know, I I don't know.

**00:20:33**Jack

But for those of you who would like to.

**00:20:35**Jack

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**00:20:47**Jack

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A-Z, english@gmail.com and please send us your letters. Let us know what you think.

**00:20:54**Jack

Are you a Dwayne John girl or a Dwayne John guy and we are dying to find out?

**00:21:01**Jack

So with that said thanks everybody.

**00:21:04**Jack

We'll see you next time.

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