

UB Language Log assignment

Due anytime before July 31

Your assignment is to write a short blog entry about anything you notice about language. This could be...

- something language-related in the news (like the flub at Obama's inauguration)
- an interesting opinion someone expresses about language, whether in a conversation, on a blog, in an article... (like a recent article describing how rap is "destroying" English)
- a new word or slang term you hear (like *dank*)
- a word or expression that may be going out of style (like *laterz*)
- a new or unusual way of saying something (like *I'm not really feeling biking there*, instead of *feeling like biking there*)
- a interesting morpheme you notice (like *-ster* in gangster, pollster, trickster, roadster, dragster...)
- an interesting or unusual pronunciation you hear in a conversation or song (like glottal stops by 3OH!3)
- the language in your dreams or just before falling asleep (example: nonsense words like *acculers* or *porchard*)
- interesting speech errors (like *I lost my paper, which I feel bad.*)
- anything else!

Your post should be at least 5 sentences long, and ideally include (1) real-life data and (2) something interesting to say about it. *Real life data* means something you've actually seen or heard, not just made up (let me know if you have something in mind but don't have data). *Something interesting to say* means, for example, instead of just noticing people say *dank* a lot, describe what the word might mean, what situations you've heard it in, who uses it, etc. I can help if you're having trouble thinking of something.

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