

Words and Their Meanings

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At my lectures you will find out:

- why words change their meanings and who is responsible for that (etymology);
- why *cockroach* has nothing to do with a cock (folk etymology);
- why we sometimes mean “no” by saying “yes” (connotation);
- why 19th century British ladies could not hurt their *legs* (taboo);
- why people stopped going to the *toilet* and started visiting *ladies’/gents’ room* (euphemism);
- why jargon is not slang (jargon);
- how people create words (word formation);
- why *bloody* and *dude* are not as bad as they might seem (words’ histories);

and many other things....

While learning all that you will also

- **explain PUN** (play upon words):

e.g. I really wanted a camouflage shirt, but I couldn't find one.

- **decipher visual PUN**

