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Structures of English

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Essay Response

There is a large amount of different cultures and people that reside in the United States. Although there is no official language, English is known to be the informal official language. Most Americans will be able to understand one another when speaking this language even if there are some miscommunications because the speakers have differing accents, slang, or another time of language distinction. The dialect that is understood by most Americans is therefore known as Standard American English because it seems to be a popular type and many people understand.

Although there may be a large majority of people that speak Standard American English, each distinct group of people or culture has specific traits about their own way of communication. This is typically where slang arises because certain groups of people come up with certain terms that have importance to themselves and their grouping.

When deciding what kind of abbreviations and other phrases are acceptable in Standard American English or in slang it is important to take notice of the situation around you. The type of social format should clearly demonstrate what kind of language should be used. Therefore one may want to suggest that during an informal gathering that use of abbreviation and slang is more tolerable because you are in a familiar and friendly setting. While in a formal situation it may be wiser to cover up abbreviations or slang because it could be perceived in a very negative way. Some abbreviations and slang that is used because of our technological obsession should be kept a close watch on. It is important to realize what those sayings are doing to the language and as a individual of the English Language it is paramount to think critically about how this should be handled. On one sense language is always changing and evolving as peoples environment changes but is it acceptable and is it diminishing the value of the English langue by using choppy shortcuts in language. It will be important to want how language changes in our lifetime but we must also be consciously thinking how have we keep our use of language beautiful and also effective.