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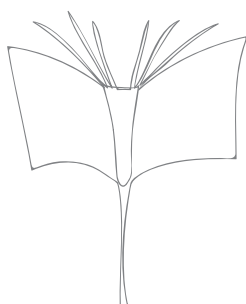
What's Your English?

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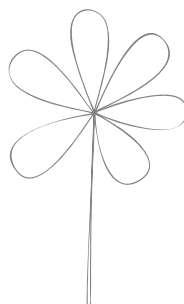
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Baba: Hey, Professor!
Professor: Oh, hello.
Baba: Wassup!
Professor: Yes.
Baba: Professor Elemental, how's it hangin'?
Professor: Oh, god ...
Baba: What, what?

Professor: Oh, what a mistake to give our language to the colonies.
Baba: What are you saying?
Professor: You're not using it properly!
It's simply not cricket, your slang is unclear!
The R is intrusive, you have no idear
Baba: Now listen here, you old badgering bristling Britsy
We're linguistically evolving, we're not whistling dixie!
Over-protective parenting is risky ...
Professor: You're our clear descendants!
Baba: Well, you overtaxed your syntax, so we declare independence!
Professor: Independence? From what we invented? How senseless!
Each sentence is already perfect
Baba: So you'll protect it?
Professor: Preserve it – the Queen's English founded your nation
Just accept your received pronunciation
Baba: Your pronOUNCiation just counts as vacant! With an ounce
Of patience you'd reckonize the future sound of your language
I'm here to throw a wrench in your engine once and for all
Professor: You mean a spanner?
Baba: No, a wrench, and not a football, a soccer ball!
Professor: It's autumn, so you fall, I'm off to the public
House and it's bin day, you get left like rubbish
Out ... like yesterday's fish and chip wrappers
RapsCALLions ought not to challenge gifted rappers
Baba: Arrgh, don't say 'rubbish,' say 'garbage' as in "garbage rapper"
Your verbal conservatism died with Margaret Thatcher



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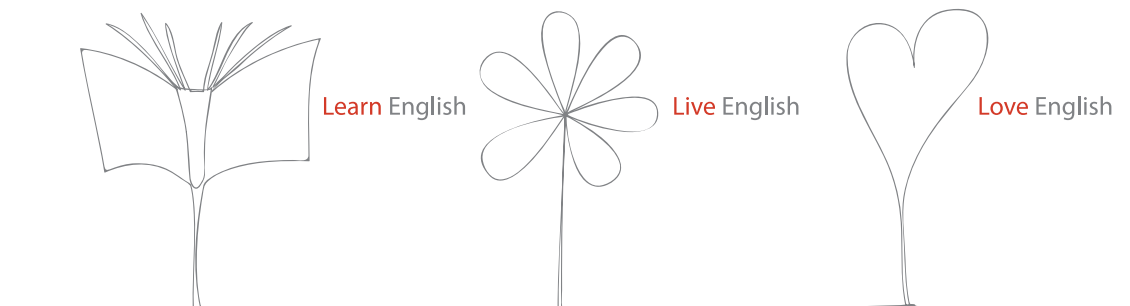


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Professor: She's still alive!
Baba: Whatever, I use elevators for levitation
But you need a lift 'cause you're out of gas at a petrol station
Professor: You've plenty of gas to go with that hot air lame flow
Not 'tomayto,' it's 'tomarto' –
Baba: Why?
Professor: – because I say so!
Baba: Great, so this is a linguistic dictatorship?
Professor: 'Fraid so
Baba: What, so I have to say "crisp" for potato chip?
Professor: Yes, or we'll trade blows
Baba: Alright, Mr. Tough Guy
I'll show you how Canucks fight
Professor: On ice?
Baba: Naw, we cuss nice
Like this: "Dude, your rhymes are brutal"
Professor: Blimey O'Reilly
You're barmy
Baba: You're cougar-bait
Professor: Well, if we're having a barney
You're bonkers, you're piffle
Baba: You're hokey
Professor: Well, you can go whistle
Baba: Fo shizzle, your slang is all fat with no gristle
Professor: This has all gone pear-shaped
Baba: Your rhymes are bare-faced lies
Professor: Well, yours are fairy cakes, no, more like porky pies!
Baba: Well, here's the point, porcupine, at end of the day
English dominates the globe, and change is the price you pay
Professor: I say, that's not a bad trade
Baba: Yeah, Canadian slang is
Like a tax that buys you ...
Professor: The world's preferred language!

Baba: Exactly!
Professor: That's wonderful!
Baba: Yeah
Professor: That's great. Thank you very much
Baba: I thought you'd like that, yeah
Professor: Chuffed to bits, I really am



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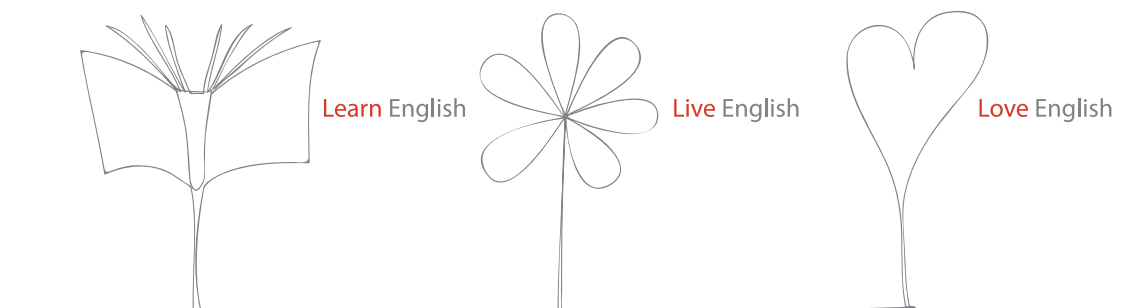
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