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COMPUTER SLANG IN THE MODERN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Computer slang continues to evolve rapidly, with new expressions and terms emerging as technology advances. These slang words and phrases often reflect the current trends and popular culture within the digital world, making them relevant and relatable to online communities. As a result, staying up-to-date with computer slang not only enhances communication efficiency but also allows individuals to stay connected with the latest developments in the tech industry. Moreover, the widespread use of computer slang has transcended boundaries and has become a global phenomenon. Thanks to the internet, people from different countries and cultures can now easily communicate using these common expressions, breaking down language barriers and fostering a sense of inclusivity in the digital space. This interconnectedness has contributed to the globalization of computer slang, creating a shared language that unites tech enthusiasts worldwide.

Another reason for the emergence of computer slang is its exceptional capacity, when three or four words can convey a fairly large paragraph of text. For example, the phrase-gratitude thank you has passed into ty; the phrase away from keyboard has shortened to afk, the expression as soon as possible has transformed into ASAP. Thus, a lot of space is saved in text messages, while the meaning of the message is not lost due to the relevance and comprehensibility of these expressions.

It also reproduces emotions quite accurately, which are extremely difficult to reproduce on a computer network.

Blending in the English computer language occupies one of the most important positions in the formation of new lexical units. It combines different words into one, which can radically change the meaning of a formed word. For example, a new word horrorshow was formed due to the fusion of such words as horror and show; in this case, both words do not form the meaning of the word that turned out when they merged, but it acquires a completely different meaning.

This word penetrated into Western pop culture along with the book "A Clockwork Orange" by Anthony Burgess. There is a phonetic similarity with the pronunciation of the Russian word «хорошо» ("good"), which served as the formation of this word. Example: I thought the movie was horrorshow (I thought the movie was wonderful).

In addition, the prevalence of computer slang has influenced popular culture and media, with many terms crossing over into mainstream language usage. It is not uncommon to hear expressions like "brb" (be right back) or "omg" (oh my god) in everyday conversations, highlighting the integration of computer slang into modern English language. This fusion of tech jargon with traditional communication has further cemented the significance of computer slang in shaping the way we communicate in the digital age.

Overall, computer slang continues to play a crucial role in modern communication, serving as a dynamic and evolving language that reflects the ever-changing landscape of technology. As we navigate the complexities of the digital world, understanding and engaging with computer slang can enhance our online interactions and keep us connected in a rapidly evolving technological environment.