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How to speak as young generations, part 2: gen-Z + gen- α edition

Introduction

- ❖ **Disclaimer:** what follows is in English
 - ▶ Last time the slides were circulated in the Italian (and probably also non-italian) community @ CERN thanks to Sonia&Claudia :-)
 - ▶ This time I want to maximise their spread also to the non-italian speaking community
- ❖ Given the success of the [last edition one year ago](#), I unilaterally decided to repeat the experience to help the not-so-young generations to grasp a bit the slang used by the new generations.
Today's topic:
 - ▶ Two exercises to refresh your memory and learn new slang vocabulary
 - ▶ A sneak peek to the rising brand new gen- α slang
 - ▶ Have fun!

Let's start by refreshing your memory

① **Exercise:** watch the video, identify the slang terms used by the guy and explain them



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"Let me cook, Anakin. The dark side of the Force is legit bussin, even though some people think it's a lil cooked."

'What happened to him?'

"He was such a baller but he had mad FOMO that he'd lose his rizz, which is exactly what fuckin happened, lmao. He was pretty delulu and taught his apprentice everything he knew, and then his apprentice clapped back and unalived him in his sleep. Absolutely memeworthy, he could save others but not himself. Pretty mid tbh."

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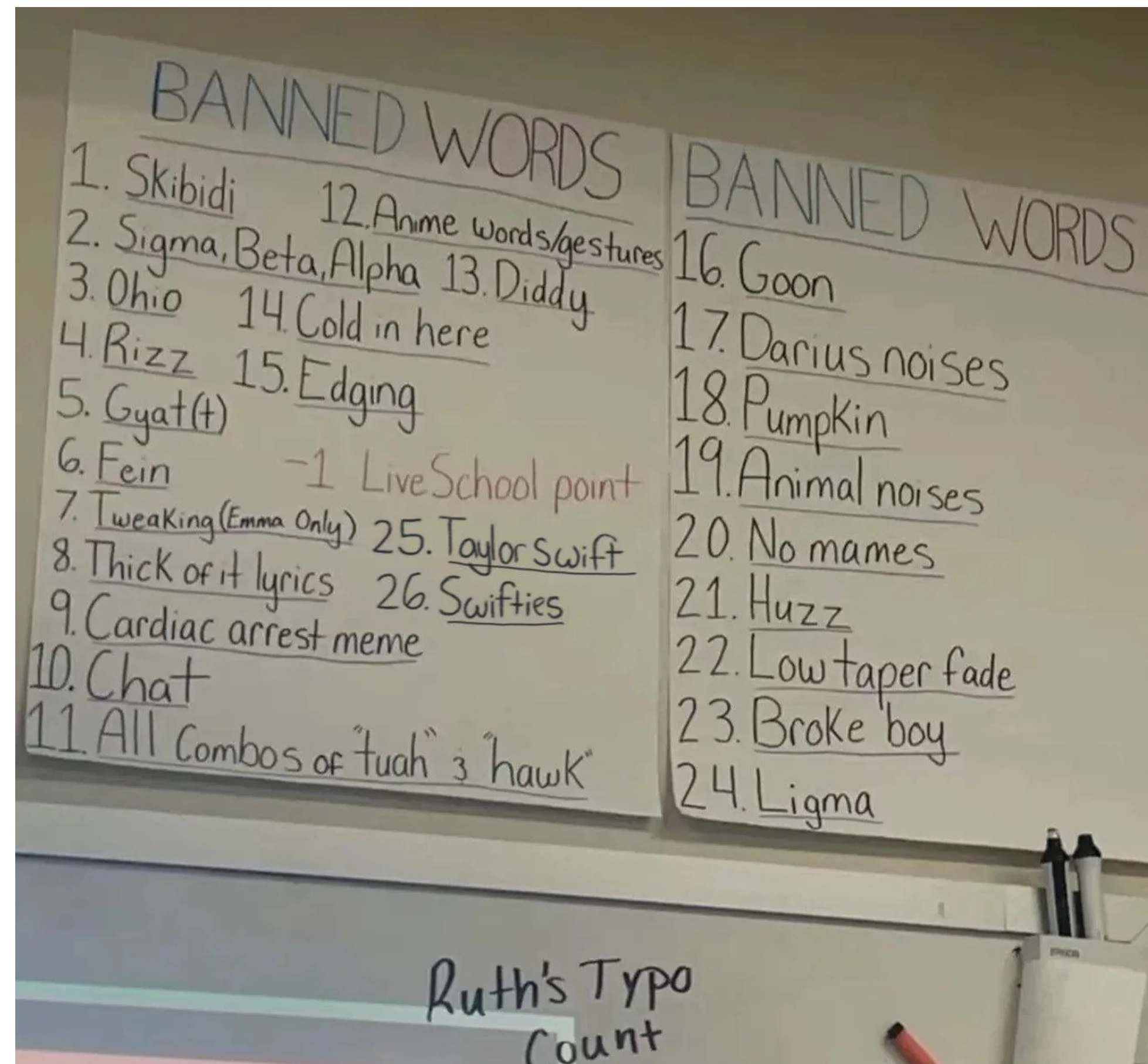
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Delving into gen- α slang

- ❖ gen- α is developing a new slang on its own, which for me is a bit absurd and cryptic though I still manage to understand part of it
- ❖ Some real examples:



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Some final remarks

❖ Remember, when in doubt

▶ [UrbanDictionary](#)

▶ [ChatGPT](#)

▶ The whole internet

are your friends! Use them wisely...with great power comes great responsibility!

Hey bruh, what does "low-key" mean?



Yo, "low-key" is a slang term that means something is subtle, not too obvious, or not meant to draw a lot of attention. It can be used to describe a vibe, an action, or even a feeling.

For example:

- "I'm low-key excited about the concert tonight" means you're excited, but you're not making a big deal about it.
- "Let's keep this low-key" could mean let's keep things chill or not too flashy.

It can also mean something is downplayed or not fully expressed. It's kind of like saying "not too much" or "under the radar."

THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY'S LESSON, SEE
YOU NEXT YEAR!

