DECODING THE "GENERATION Z" LINGO

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Here's some new lingo to help you stay cool and "vibe" with the young people in your life! It'll be such a "flex" when you learn how to turn up with the "fam". Every word or phrase comes with context so you learn how to use it!

- **LET ME COOK** said when you want the other person to let you finish the task at hand. "No I haven't finished cutting the grass yet! Just let me cook!"
- **FLEX** Something that is impressive or cool. "Wow, he just won the county pickle ball championship? That's such a flex!"
- JELLY Abbreviated version of jealous. "She got tickets to the Taylor Swift concert? I'm so jelly!"
- **BRUH** Another way of saying bro (brother). Usually said at the end of a sentence while feeling sad or tired. "That test was hard bruh. I think I failed it bruh."
- **TURN UP** Getting hyped up and excited, usually involves dancing. "When I get to the concert, I'm going to turn up!"
- CAP Word used to describe a lie or heavy exaggeration. "I think Henry's story about climbing Mt. Everest is all cap. He is always capping about that stuff."
- **BUSSIN'** Used to describe really good food. "Have you tried the fries at that restaurant? They're bussin'!"
- **CRINGE** Something that is awkward or uncool. A word usually used by middle schoolers. "No Mom, I don't want to go to the 8th grade dance! It's gonna be so cringe!"
- **DIP** To leave. "Hey man it's getting late, I think we should dip."
- **NOOB** Someone who is inexperienced, new to something, or completely unqualified. "He went to the beach for hours and forgot his sunscreen? What a noob."
- **BOOL** To hang out and have fun, with no real purpose or direction. "I'm not really sure what my friends and I are doing today, I think we're just going to bool.
- GAS Describes anything that is fantastic or exciting. "The super bowl is on, and we got chicken wings? This is gas!"
- MID— Describes anything that is underwhelming, disappointing, or subpar. "I just tried the pizza at that restaurant. It was honestly pretty mid."
- FACTS Used when you agree with something. "Wow its really hot out here! "Yeah that's facts!"
- **SLAP (or SLAPS)** Said when something, usually food, is really good. "I'm hungry! This pasta is going to slap!"

And some useful texting "Slang":

- **LOL** Laughing out loud.
- o LMK let me know.
- **OMG** Oh my gosh.
- **BTW** By the way.
- o TYSM Thank you so much!
- **IMO** In my opinion.
- o **IDK** I don't know.
- **TBH** to be honest.
- o **IMHO** in my humble opinion (or in my honest opinion).