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Last week I was going on about old words we don't hear much anymore and these reminded me of some from my childhood and some probably before my time. It was fun to remember some of the context to these words. One commentor said:

"...Still use some of these. Brought back lots of memories. I lived in Maine for a lot of years. The town down the road from me made Moxie a drink. They did for years and still do. In the summer they have a big festival, parade and the whole works. "

Reminiscing can be pleasant, especially about words like "Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy moley!" These are classics!

Here is phase two of our word lesson. In case you need to understand what grand kids and great-grands are saying. Enjoy!



1 HANGRY

A state of anger caused by the lack of food.
"You better not get between me and that Doritos Locos Taco Supreme. I'm hangry."



2 SALTY

If a millennial says you're being salty, it means you're in a bad mood—or at least you're giving them a negative view. It's a good word to use because it's mild and not offensive.



3 SAVAGE

Savage means something is really cool, but there's a hint of ferociousness too. Similar to "ferce."



4 SHADE

Throwing shade is a sneaky way of putting someone down or criticizing them. It's the equivalent of talking smack behind someone's back.



5 WOKE

Someone who is woke is aware of what's going on, plugged in about trends, and fully in on a discussion.



6 FLEEK

Being on fleek means you're on point or something is looking great. Maybe a term on its way out, it's still a notable one to include on this slang list.



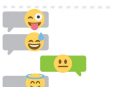
7 SLAY

No, you're not slaying any fire-breathing dragons to save a princess. To slay in the millennial sense means to do a great job.



8 TROLLING

Be careful with this one, because millennials define trolling as just having fun with you, not necessarily harassment or being offensive. It comes from the world of video games.



9 BLESSED

This word means exactly what you think it does. Being blessed means you have some good things happening in your life. It's rarely used ironically.



10 QUICHE

Quiche means "hotter than hot." And if there's one thing we can all agree on, it's that quiches are sexy. Okay, maybe not. But that's why this millennial slang works. It's like saying, "She's so hot, she's like my grandma's slippers."



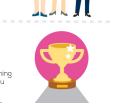
11 SQUAD

A squad is a group of people. But to millennials, it's more about who you hang with the most, and who appears in your Instagram feed.



12 GOALS

Goals means aspirations. It could refer to anything from a job, to a friendship, or just something you really want. It's often used with a hashtag: #goals, #lifegoals, or just #goals.



13 LIT

A party that's lit is especially awesome—but not necessarily brightly illuminated.



14 CHILL

Chill is an adjective equivalent to "calm." However, it's expanded to a verb that means "hang out." Example: "I'm going to go chill with my laptop" means you're going to work solo.



15 BOUNCE

Bounce means to leave suddenly, especially if something is boring. "I gotta bounce."



16 RT

Short for "retweet," RT is a reference to sharing someone else's post on Twitter. It can be used if you agree with something that's been said or can't come up with an original thought of your own.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

A word is dead
When it is said,
Some say.
I say it just begins
to live that day.
– Emily Dickinson