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Model Research Abstract  
Research Proposal: Dialect, Slang, and Hip Hop Jargon  
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## The Complexity of Language Patterns

### Introduction

Truly, America stands as a mixed “salad” and language displays the result of different people, each with a different history, communicating with one another: multiple kinds of dialects. Oxford Dictionary defines dialect as a “manner of speaking, language, speech; *esp.* a manner of speech peculiar to, or characteristic of, a particular person or class; phraseology, idiom” (OED). Within each dialect, I believe that jargons occur regionally, or otherwise, through the use of slang. Scholars have historically set slang apart from the elite or from intelligent people; they deem slang as a lazy, uncouth, derivation of Standard American English (OED). Hip Hop jargon may work as an example of how dialect transitions to a specific kind of language code mainly used by a certain community.

### Method

By researching the etymology of dialect and slang, and a specific jargon like Hip Hop, the differences and similarities between these terms arose. I used scholarly texts to find out how they relate to each other and how their phonological, lexical, syntactic, discourse components came into play. This study enabled me to decipher if the following statement represents dialect, slang, Hip Hop or all three: “Ah! Mah! Don’t crimp my game.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, though I understood to some degree how dialect, slang, and Hip Hop jargon relate to one another, my research furthered my understanding of how one term flows into the other. The composition, sounds, and meaning of this phrase starts with a geographical and perhaps even a socioeconomic influence, the dialect, that in turn effects or produces the colloquial or slang terms used. People that commune in a particular area will understand this jargon. Furthermore, if the community is located in an urban community of Latinos, blacks, and other inner city people we could then assume that the statement may have come from Hip Hop jargon. Truly, there’s extreme difficulty in trying to extricate one term from the other; they are so closely related that to separate them would be like splitting hairs.

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