

HKDSE Examination 2014: English Language Paper 4

Question 3.1 : Urban Dictionary

Individual Response Demo (recorded in Aug 2015):

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Level attained in DSE Eng Lang Paper 4</i>
A	2013	5**
B	2013	5**
C	2013	5**
D	-	-

Transcript (verbatim)

Examiner: (Question 2)

Candidate A, how often do you use a dictionary? You may start now.

A:

Thank you for your question. So, ... regarding on how often I use a dictionary, the answer would be "very often", like, I think about every day in my life. So, ... as a student, like, we always encounter different words in our studies, like, no matter from English or even Chinese, like our mother tongue. However, ... we always encounter new words, new vocabulary or words that just come out from nowhere and so, ... I think regarding to a dictionary is really important because ... it allows you to earn more new vocabulary. You learn the word form, you learn how to use it in a sentence, how to use it in a paragraph, and it'll help you to improve all your ... English skills as well. So, ... it would be,

like, I always ... refer to a dictionary ... whenever I have, like, new words ... that I don't know. And, in addition, like, new words come out every day, so, we must always update ourselves and have new knowledge, so I think a dictionary is really important. Yeah, thank you.

Examiner: (Question 4)

Candidate B, do you like to learn new words from pop songs and rap music? You may start now.

B:

Thank you for your question. Erm, I certainly would like to ... learn new words from new ... from pop songs or ... from those hip-hop music or rap music. Because ... for me, I like, I listen to music a lot and I think sometimes like, music can makes me all relax and like, ... release my stress. So, ... I often listen to music at, at different times, for example, when I was ... studying. And, during ... listening to the songs, often I may encounter words that I don't know, so I'll, like, try to understand the lyrics and ... I'd like to know what the ... what the writer was trying to express when he was writing the song, any thought or feelings that he had in mind when he was trying to express his emotions. So, and this'll enable me to, like, more be ... more able to connect with his or her feelings when I listen to the songs. So, ... for me, I'll definitely ... look for those new words when I ... when I listen to those ... songs ... or ... rap music with words I don't know. Thank you very much.

Examiner: (Question 7)

Candidate C, do you think slang plays an important role in learning a language? You may start now.

C:

Thank you for your question. So ... I do think that ... slangs is ... play a role in learning a new language. Because ... actually, ... people are very inventive ... inventive when they use a language. There're many new words every day, every year. So, ... when you ... get to know more about a language, you definitely need to update yourselves with ... new slangs and new words that come up every day ... every year, so you can be equipped to ... communicate with people ... in this time of the ... in this time. Because if you're only reading those ... if you learn a language from reading those ... old text or ... old movies, then you'll just know some very old English, and then, people will think you're very awkward and you may ... obstruct the way of your communication with them. So, ... I think it's very important ... for us to learn new slangs as well. Thank you.