

What did you Say?

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Skills

- Reading for meaning
- Use Dictionary / Thesaurus
- Skimming and Scanning

1. Read the contents. What do you think this book will be about?
2. When did English as we know it become established?
3. What is an *acronym*?
4. Find 5 acronyms and write beside them what they stand for.
5. Explain what a *portmanteau* word?
6. Answer the question at the bottom of page 7.
7. What is Slang?
8. Which slang word or saying do you like the most? Why
9. Can you think of any other slang that is used in New Zealand?
10. What are *idioms*?
11. Why do you think that people learning English find idioms difficult?
12. Choose **10** of the idioms on page 12. Write them and write their meanings beside them.
13. Where does the word **OK** come from?
14. Play the game *Fictionary* with other group members
15. Make up some words and write a meaning for them. Be creative.

Extra

1. With the rest of the group present the play in the book.

