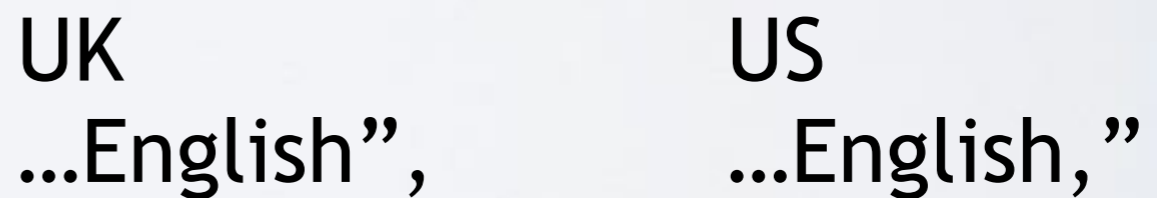
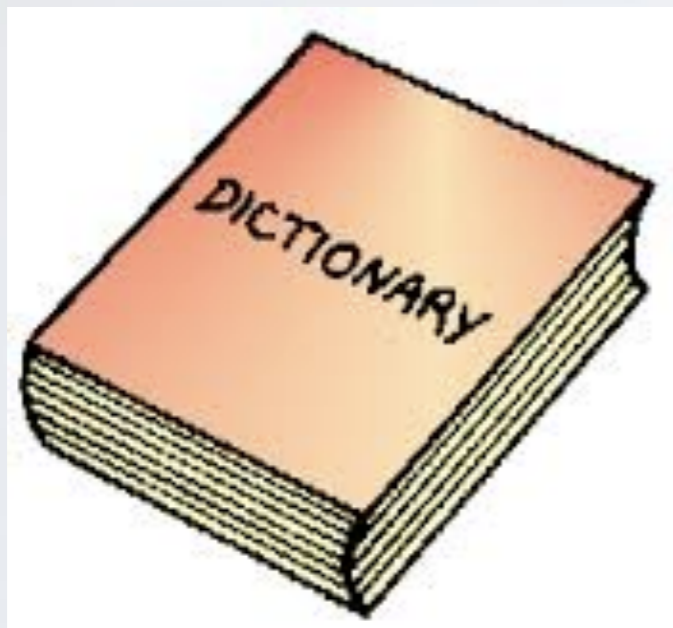


Prescriptive vs. Descriptive grammar

The English taught in textbooks is the internationally recognized/recognised “standard English”, but this is not how all native speakers speak.



**Prescriptive grammar
is prescribed by rules.**



**Descriptive grammar
describes how real
people use language in
every day life.**



Prescriptive verb conjugation (Standard English)

“to be”

I ...am

You ...are

He ...is

She ...is

It ...is

We ...are

They ...are

Descriptive verb conjugation

Real examples of recorded speech
of English regional dialects:

I were going to..

he were pulling the telephone wires

they was filling the trench

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The Black Country



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The people of the Black Country have the nickname "**Yam Yams**", a reference to the use of "yow am" instead of "you are". (Wikipedia)

You am... (Yow'am)

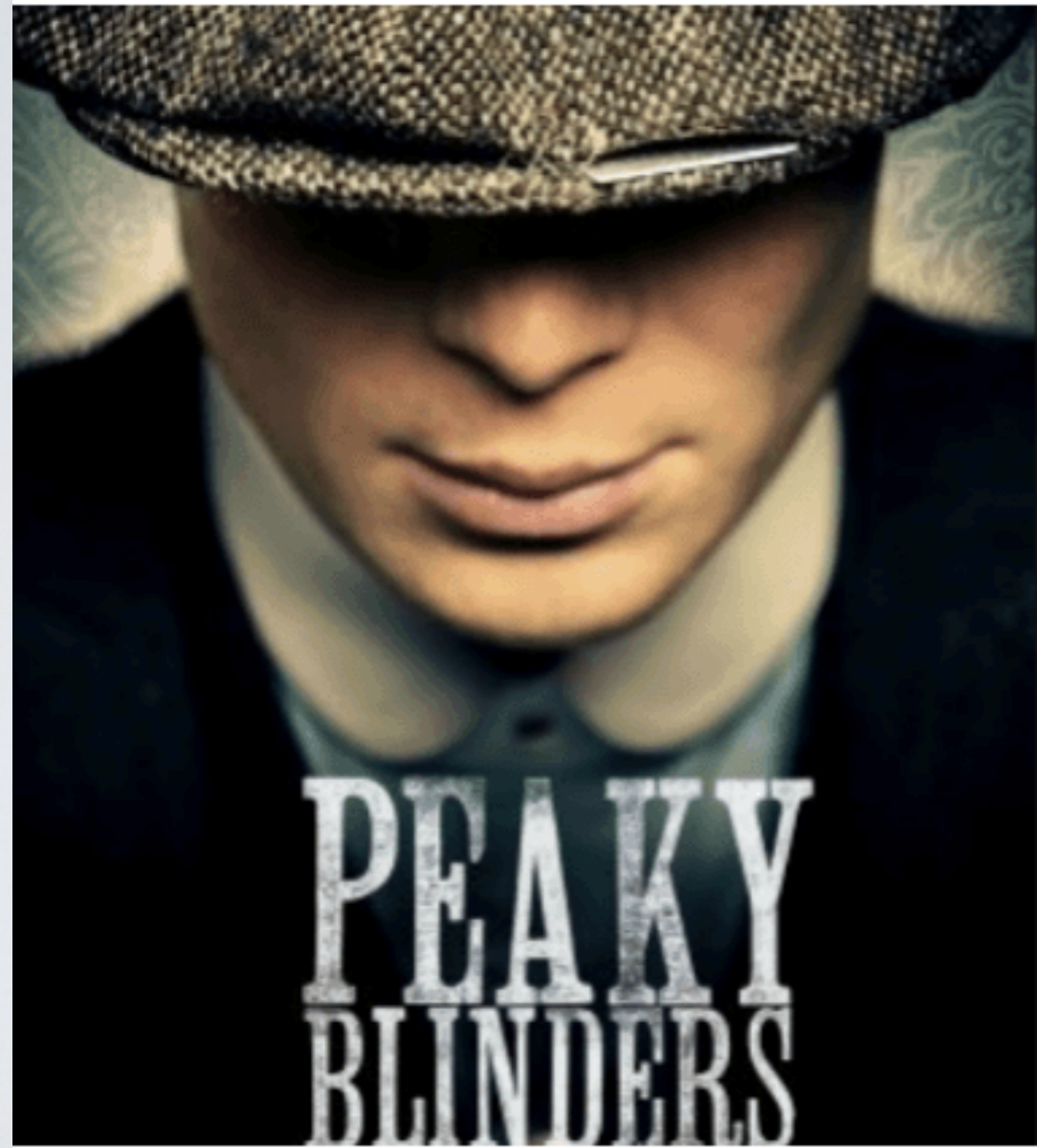
We am... (We'm)

They am... (They'm)

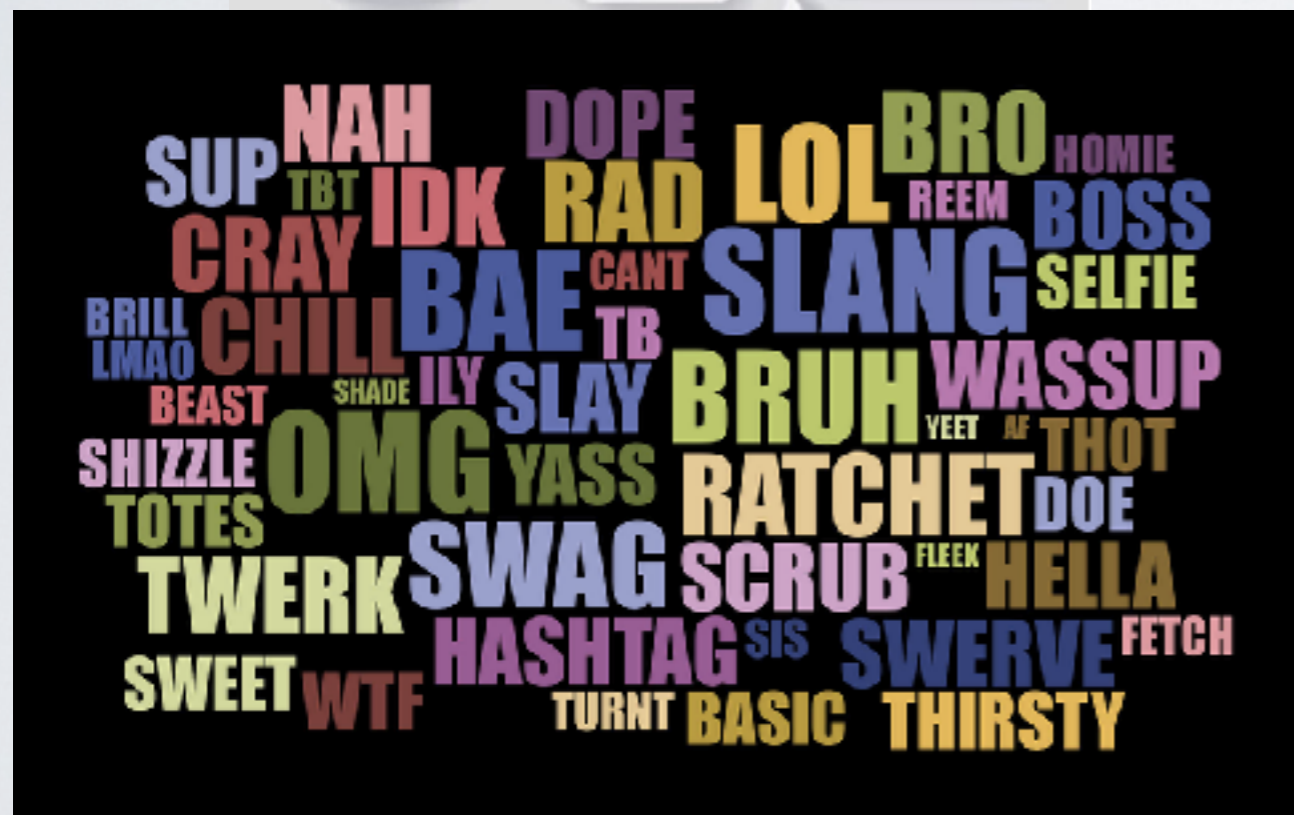


“owamya”

“how are you”



Descriptive grammar is also influenced by younger generations.



Q: How is Korean language use changing in younger generations?
What are some examples of Korean slang?