

## GAMING SLANG WORDS OF ENGLISH ORIGIN

Slang is a multifaceted phenomenon. It represents a special peripheral lexical layer that lies both outside the boundaries of the literary colloquial language and outside the boundaries of the dialects of the national language, which includes, on the one hand, a layer of specific vocabulary and phraseology of professional speech, social slang and slang of the criminal world, and, on the other hand, a layer of widespread and generally understood emotional and expressive vocabulary and phraseology of non-literary speech [2].

The culture of online games has been developing for over forty years. And during this time, it grew its own folklore. Slang phrases of gamers began to enter the common language, because a whole generation grew up on them. We are going to explain some of them in this paper.

**Bot.** The word has several historical meanings. In the Middle Ages, they denoted parasitic worms, and in the Australian dialect during the First World War, this was the name for a stuffy and boring person who causes a lot of trouble. In the 1950s, a new meaning arose. The word *bot* began to be used as an abbreviation of *robot*. They meant the humanoid androids described by science fiction writers.

The growing popularity of multiplayer games has slightly changed the meaning of the word. It is used to name the character of the player, who, with the help of additional scripts, is configured to automatically extract resources or kill enemies in the area. There are also auction bots that buy a certain type of resource if it appears on the market at an acceptable price [1]. It is interesting that the formal meaning of the word has changed. It all also means a program or part of a program that automatically performs some task. Now we already have various chat bots, bots for sales, search bots etc.

**Loot.** The historical meaning of the word is *looting*. There are two separate words for looting in English. The first is *pillage* – a robbery during hostilities, when

soldiers of one army capture settlements and take everything, they like. The second word is *looting*. But it means robbery in peacetime, mainly after natural disasters, man-made disasters or civil riots. However, in gaming communities, the word *loot* does not have negative connotations. These are items dropped after killing monsters, or rewards obtained as a result of completing quests [2].

**Noob.** Probably the most common word because it can now be heard far beyond the gaming sphere. The word noob is a transliterated lexeme of *newbie* or its outdated counterpart *newie*. There is no single opinion about the spelling. It was fixed in the dictionary only as *newbies*, but there were variants *newbee*, *newie*, *newb*, *noob*, *nub* and even *n00b*. So it turned out that two variants of the same lexeme – *newbie* and *noob* – just after a dozen years of parallel use, became independent words with different meanings.

**Frag.** In modern English, this is the name given to fragmentation mines and grenades, as well as various injuries caused by the explosion. But in shooters, the meaning changed and *frags* is used to call the points of killing opponents. Nowadays the word is becoming increasingly popular in startups to denote goals and tasks to be accomplished. In this way, many entrepreneurs try to turn the routine work on the project into something interesting, and add the spirit of competition familiar to employees from classic games [2].

In conclusion, it should be emphasized that the slang borrowed from the English language harmoniously fit into the Ukrainian-speaking Internet space, merged into the life of a modern person and became a convenient means of everyday communication.

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