

# “Peak Times” – Youth Cultural Identity and English

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*Youth Culture is one of the driving forces of language change but why does youth culture have such a profound effect on our language and why does it suffer the most critique?*

Then the bottom fell out. Aside from the gearbox and a rattle of the ageing engine, oh and the boot needing the skill of a safecracker to open, my little Ford was doing remarkably well in its time and mile worn age. However, as I had feared in the past few weeks, it was sick and the final straw was the overly angled speed bump coming into the council centre car park.