

Unit 19 — IT Slang: Part I

Reading: A Controversial IT Purchase



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People often use funny slang and abbreviations in chats and other social situations. Typically, there is a relaxed attitude towards the rules of grammar. The following is a chat transcript between an older grumpy senior developer and a younger intermediate developer. They are discussing a recent hardware acquisition.

Please note that you should not use slang with unfamiliar people. Using slang is not professional and can be taken badly by some people. You have been warned!

*-- **The Bunion** --*: Did you hear what happened? We had to buy some new hardware last month to run that new killer app that management thought was so important.

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Discussion Questions

What do the nicknames of these two developers mean? Are they professional names? Do you think it's okay to have funny usernames at work?

The title says the IT purchase is "controversial". Why? Who do you agree with?

Do you think people who save the company a lot of money should deserve a raise?