

Linguistics
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California English reading

*Read from p. 26 to the top of p. 30, and the second half of page 31.
(The rest is optional reading about skateboarding slang.)*

1. What is a Valley Girl, or val?
2. According to Eckert and Labov, who are the “movers and shakers in linguistic change”?
3. Which of the terms from the slang list on pp. 26-27 do you use?
4. Why is the language of Surfer Dudes is so influential?
5. List two different uses of *like* and give an example for each.