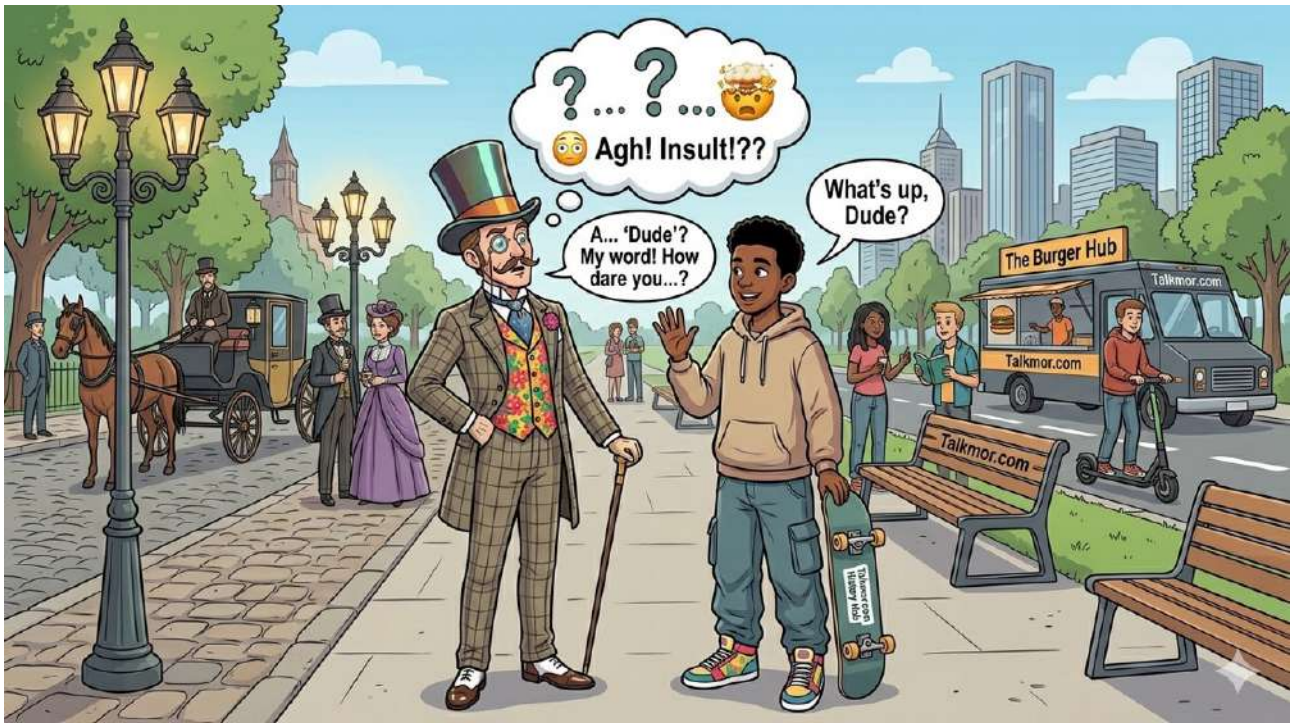


DUDE! – WHAT'S UP, DUDE?

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A Funny English Word Story



The Story – Dude! What's Up, Dude?

One sunny day in a busy city park, Mr. Harrington, a proper Victorian gentleman with a top hat and cane, was taking a walk. He looked very formal in his old-fashioned suit.

Suddenly, a friendly modern teenager on a skateboard waved and said, "What's up, Dude?"

Mr. Harrington stopped in shock. His eyes grew wide. "A… 'Dude'? My word! How dare you!?" he cried. He thought it was a terrible insult!

The boy looked confused. "What's wrong? 'Dude' just means 'friend' or 'guy'. It's a cool, casual word!"

Nearby, people in old clothes from the past watched in surprise, while modern kids laughed and chatted. A food truck called "The Burger Hub" and electric scooters zoomed by. It was a funny time-travel mix-up!

Mr. Harrington learned that "dude" started long ago as a word for fancy, overdressed men. Later, cowboys used it for city visitors on dude ranches. Today, everyone says "dude" to friends – boys, girls, even pets!

The gentleman smiled a little. "Well… What's up, Dude?" he tried. Everyone laughed. What a sweet, silly misunderstanding in the middle of the city!

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Vocabulary

Match the words to the pictures or meanings in the story.

Word	Meaning	Sounds Like
dude	a casual word for a friend or guy	DOOD
insult	a rude or mean word	IN-sult
casual	relaxed and informal	KAZH-oo-ul
formal	proper and serious	FOR-mul
shocked	very surprised	SHOCKT
gentleman	a polite man from the past	JEN-tul-man
Victorian	from the old-fashioned 1800s style	vik-TOR-ee-un
modern	from today	MOD-ern
slang	informal, cool words used with friends	SLANG
misunderstanding	when people don't understand each other	mis-un-der-STAN-ding
skateboard	a board with wheels for riding	SKATE-bord
mix-up	a funny confusion	MIX-up

Quick Activity

Choose 5 words from the table and use them to describe the picture:

Fun Facts about the Word "Dude"

- "Dude" first appeared in the 1880s in New York. It was used for fancy, overdressed young men (like dandies).
- Later, cowboys called city visitors on vacation "dudes" at dude ranches.
- Today, "dude" is a friendly, casual word for any person – even girls and groups!
- It became super popular in movies, songs, and with surfers and skaters.
- You can say "Dude!" when you are excited, surprised, or just saying hello.

Quick Question

Do you say "dude" to your friends? When do you use it? _____

Comprehension Questions

A. True or False **True / False**

1. Mr. Harrington is a modern teenager. _____
2. The boy says "What's up, Dude?" as a friendly greeting. _____
3. Mr. Harrington thinks "dude" is a nice compliment. _____
4. "Dude" started as a word for fancy, overdressed men. _____
5. Everyone in the picture is angry at the end. _____

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B. Answer the questions

1. What is Mr. Harrington wearing?
2. Why does Mr. Harrington shout “Agh! Insult!?”
3. What does “dude” mean today?
4. Where did the word “dude” start?
5. Would you like to time-travel to the Victorian time or bring Mr. Harrington to today? Why?

C. What do you think?

Look at the big picture. Describe the funny mix-up using at least 3 vocabulary words.

Bonus Drawing Space

Draw what happens next when Mr. Harrington tries to say “What’s up, Dude?”

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