WASSUP Canterbury Girls...

You know I feel particularly sorry for people who listen to words flying around them in popular culture and think they know what they truly say.

Take Adele. People think she is meditating on lost love. NO. She is clearly delivering a powerful statement on education... just listen carefully to the Australian translation

Hello it’s me!
I was wondering if after all these years you’d actually like to write on that sheet
Should I go over everything?
They say that time’s supposed to make learning real
But I don’t think your feeling....
Hello
Are you listening to me?
I must have told you this a thousand times
Look I am sorry that everything’s not marked
But when I talk you never seem to be home

Hello yes I am now standing on the other side
At least I can say that I’ve tried
To tell you I’m sorry for giving you that mark

It's the same with Beiber. Some people hear him say: “What do you Mean?”
But we hear the far more profound question central to education: “What daya mean?
Through the lense of Australian English there is so much more truth in everything.
So exploring the truth of words prompts the bigger question... who actually makes the words?

Time for just a bit of history!
Researchers have analysed over 6000 personal letters written in English between 1417 and 1681. They found many new words were appearing, other words were morphing, and some words disappeared altogether.

But the question is who was morphing the words and creating new ones? You were .... Yes, the female letter writers were changing words at a much faster than the boys.

So as an English teacher I must apologise for giving Mr Shakespeare too much credit... if he had actually invented the one and a half thousand words he is credited by himself, out of the blue; no one in his audience would have understood a thing.

No he was expert at taking the new words the girls had invented and putting them on stage.
You will be pleased to know that the girls were actually responsible for removing the most annoying Shakespearean words.

The girls changed “hath doth maketh” into “has does makes”.
You will also be impressed by the fact that the words SWAG, RANT and BFF were in fact female inventions that Shakespeare “borrowed”..., bad news is BFF actually stood for Best Foot Forward in 1600.

This language revolution has always been lead by girls, in fact 90% of all language changes in history are made by women... girls absolutely have changed the world by making the words.
So you would think that one of these inspiring female creations would be Word of the Year.

Well almost... the inspired female inventions "on fleek" and "ship" were close to the top.
Oh I should explain for the older members of the audience "ship" in this case does not mean a boat, but a name for a dream couple, real or imagined like Romeo and Juliet become "Romliet" or Jolio.

This can be awkward; if I was shipped to James Bond we would be... "Slond" or "Battery" Myself and Romeo... "Slomeo"

So if these words were not word of the Year; who was the winner.

It was an emoji; the "Tears of Joy" emoji was the most texted symbol in the world this year.
This is just not acceptable.... It's a picture not a word... and it fails the true communication test.

Words can be seen and heard, they have an attitude, they have personality, they can be simple or complex...Take a simple word like really, really, really.

Imagine an entirely emoji world...cute at first... but how long would we survive communicating only with love hearts, the scream face and a smiley with sunglasses.

Words are like Dr Who... time travellers, words hold the past and let us imagine the future. Without words we couldn’t even imagine a future. Without words we are like Dory in Nemo!!!
The future making power of words is especially important in 2015. Now that we have passed **Oct 21 2015**, we are beyond back to the future and somewhere that Doc Brown and Marty McFly can’t show us. We’ve got to create our own future. I really want a hoverboard to get to class on!!!

So simply put words make the future. And apparently girls make the words. Therefore girls make the future! Of course some of your best word inventions are textspeak... OMG BFF TBH, but I think these are really lacking some Canterbury Girls ingenuity.

What about **DIRHTWT?** Do I Really Have To Write This ? or its sister **DIRHTRT** - Do I Really Have To Remember This?
**WYCMP?** - Will You Call My Parents
**YMM** - You Mean Me?

So we know that poor Gretchen Weiners couldn’t make “fetch” happen, but she was a rarity.

Girls have being making the words and changing the world for centuries. So a holiday project ... see if you can create the word of the year for 2016. Its bound to be better than uber!!!