## Banned Words & Phrases from a Chick-fil-A



In 2014, American fast food restaurant manager Eric printed out a list of things his chicken sandwich selling employees could no longer say, while working at his branch of Chick-fil-A.

You will speak properly when you walk through these doors. These words are Bae (Scratch i + out + you Bae (Scratch i + out + you Fact lose your employee meals 1) On Fleek 0-100 (Every number in between is acceptable) 3Hunnid Guh Chill (unless we are talking about something that is chilled) Cuz (this goes for cousin and because. Say the actual word) Ebola (stop accusing people of having ebola) About a week ago (unless we're talking about what happened a week ago, but there will be no singing or dancing to go along with that phrase) Anything with "or naw" • Felicia (there is nobody here named Felicia) Boy/Girl Bye Salty Ratchet Childish Turn up Barely (say it without the weird voice) • I'm legally blind (no you are not) P.O.P Hold it Dine Fam

## Some context:

"bae" is a term of affection (like "babe"); "I'm legally blind" is from a Donna Goudeau video; "0-100" is from the Drake song; "about a week ago" is from a Bobby Shmurda song; "Bye Felicia" is a curt phrase of dismissal from the 1995 movie 'Friday'; "On fleek" is from a baffling Vine where a woman shows off her nice eyebrows.

You are a professional so speak professionally

## Some things to think about:

- Is Eric right to be mad about this? Do you share Eric's rage? Why yes or no?
- Are your teachers/family like this?
- Can you imagine the scenarios which pushed Eric to breaking point?
- Can you imagine Eric writing the list?
  Is there an order? Why is "bae" an afterthought, and what happened when someone crossed it out?
- Can you imagine Eric's life, outside of work? What about his employees?
- Do you have a better solution to Eric's problem than banning words and intonations?
- Can you act out what the employees were saying to each other?
- How other soundalike words? mime? sign language? - can employees get around this ban?