



When your friend is a hip-hop artist

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From the old school rap style of artists such as Tupac and Jay-Z to the more modern mumble rap artists like Lil Pump or Post Malone, the hip-hop genre has undergone a number of phases. Despite the changes, rap music is still one of the most favourite genres among people of all age groups. It is so influential, that new rappers are popping up almost every day.

In fact, don't be surprised if one of your own friends end up embracing the hip-hop lifestyle. But what's in it for you? **YOU MIGHT GET TO RENAMING THEM** We may not live forever but our work and contribution to this world will. Most importantly, our names will be associated with our work which is why most hip-hop artists introduce themselves with

their stage names instead of the ones they had received at the time of birth. As friends, you have every right to suggest such offbeat stage names for your artist friends. It's not that difficult to name a rapper. All you have to do is shorten their names down to one letter or syllable and add the word 'Lil' before it. So if your friend is called Belal, you get to dub him as Lil B. Or Lil Bee. *Kanamachhi, bho-bho!* **SHARPENING YOUR VOCABULARY** Who needs Barron's SAT Vocab when you have your rapper friend. Rappers need to have a good grasp of vocabulary if they want to write some fire spitting lyrics. You can expect to learn a lot of new and uncommon words as you try to make head or tail of the lyrics they write. And only knowing words won't do. You get to add new meanings to words and phrases using your newly acquired hip

hop poetic license and premium account on Urban Dictionary. Go flex. **YOU GET EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO NEW PROJECTS** Whatever it is that your friends dish up in their studios (basically their laptops), you will be one of the first ones to get a taste of it. The prototype of a newbie hip hop artist is one of the most entertaining things you will ever hear. Experimental lyrics, tunes, and perhaps a music video which will be like *elachi* for your eyes. This is the point where you start to question yourself as to why you inspired your friend to enter the hip hop genre in the first place. **GET YOUR SHARE OF THE FAME** Thanks to the internet and people's interest in other people's lives, becoming a known face in this country is not that difficult. Your so called rapper friend has

more possibility of becoming a viral celebrity than someone with actual musical talent. People who willingly or unwillingly make a mockery out of themselves are given more limelight than the ones who are actually trying. That being said, there may be hundreds of better underground hip hop artists around you, but you're not-so-talented rapper friend might be the one who hogs up all the attention. And since you're friends, you too will be part of this newly acquired fame. **MONEY AND LOVE** Only for the day you're sitting in the back of the riced out Corolla Axio for the music video shoot. Shoot's over, pack up, and you're back to being broke as ever. The perks don't end here. As your friendship begins to reach new heights, you will find out more benefits you can reap from your rapper friend. Esketit!

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