

JAMAICAN CREOLE WORD OF THE WEEK:



“WAH GWAAN” VERB
/WA'GWAN/

Etymology:

A variant or alteration of another lexical item.

Etymon: what's going on? at go v. Phrases P.2g.

Definition:

‘What's going on?’ ‘What's happening?’ Frequently used as an informal greeting. Cf. what's gwan at gwan v. b.

Example:

Patois: Wah gwaan, bredda? How yuh doin'?

English: What's going on, brother? How are you doing?



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