Internet Slang

With the advent of new digital technologies has come an entire new way of communicating that has its own original and developing language. This new language employs an ever-expanding dictionary of acronyms and abbreviations largely unknown to parents and other adults. This new language has been developed to save keystrokes, speed communication, and to confuse those who are older. Children and teens oftentimes utilize this new language in their digital communication because it is unique to them and their generation, thereby allowing them to disguise terminology and keep adults out-of-the-loop and in-the-dark by employing adolescent code.

In an effort to help you stay in touch with the kids you know and love, here’s a short list of some of the most common text acronyms you should be aware of. Please note that this list contains only a small selection of the thousands of text acronyms that exist. If you are curious about an acronym that’s not on this list, simply “Google” the acronym that you are looking for and you will mostly find it along with many other acronyms not included on this list.

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Text Acronyms

By Walt Mueller

69  Oral sex position
143  I love you
today  Today
tomorrow  Tomorrow
tonight  Tonight
420  Weed / Marijuana
MMF  Threesome
ASL  Age/sex/location
ATM  At the moment
BAE  Before anyone else
BF  Boyfriend
BFF  Best friend forever
BFN  Bye for now
BJ  Blow job
BRB  Be right back
BTW  By the way
CWD  Comment when done
CTN  Can’t talk now
F2F or FTF  Face to face
FB  F*** buddy or Facebook
FILF  Father I’d like to f***
FMLTWIA  F*** me like the whore I am
FO  F*** off
FWB  Friends with benefits
FYI  For your information
G2G or GTG  Got to go
GB  Goodbye
GF  Girlfriend
GLHF  Good luck, have fun
GYPO  Get your pants off
HMU  Hit me up
H4Y  Hot for you
HTH  Hope this helps/ Happy to help
HW  Homework
IDK  I don’t know
IIRC  If I remember correctly
IKR  I know, right?
ILU  I love you
ILY  I love you
ILYSM  I love you so much
IMHO  In my honest opinion/ In my humble opinion
IMO  In my opinion
ISO  In search of
IRL  In real life
IWSN  I want sex now
IMIEZRU  I’m easy, are you?
IU2U  It’s up to you
JK  Just kidding
KFY  Kiss for you
KIK  Social media app
KPC  Keeping parents clueless
LD  Limp d***
L8R  Later
LMAO  Laughing my ass off
LMFAO  Laughing my f***in ass off
LMK  Let me know
LOL  Laugh out loud
LSR  Loser
LMS  Like my status
MCM  Man crush Monday
MILF  Mother I’d love to f***
MOFO  Mother F***er
MOS  Mom over shoulder
NIFOC  Nude in front of computer
NM  Never mind
NMU  Not much, you?
NP  Nosy parents – No problem
OIC  Oh I see
OMG  Oh my God
zOMG  Oh my God (sarcastic)
OMFG  Oh my f***ing God!
OT  Off topic
OTP  On the phone
P911  Parent alert
PAW  Parents are watching
PIR  Parent in room
POS  Piece of sh**
PLS or PLZ  Please
PPL  People
PRON  Porn
QT  Cutie
RL  Real life
RN  Right now
ROFL  Rolling on the floor laughing
ROLFMAO  Rolling on the floor laughing my ass off
RT  Retweet
RU/18  Are you over 18
RUH  Are you horny?
SMH  Shaking my head
SMASH  To have sex with someone
SO  Significant other or Shout out
SOS  Someone over shoulder
SRSLY  Seriously
SSDD  Same sh**, different day
STFU  Shut the f*** up
SWAK  Sealed with a kiss
SWYP  So what’s your problem?
TBH  To be honest

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TBT   Throw back Thursday
TBR   To be rude
TDTM  Talk dirty to me
THX   Thanks
TMI   Too much information
TMRW  Tomorrow
TY or TU Thank you
TLC   Tender loving care
TTYL  Talk to you later
WB    Welcome back
WCW   Woman crush Wednesday
WTF   What the f***
WYCM  Will you call me?
XOXO  Hugs and kisses
YENO  Yes or No
YOLO  You only live once
YW    You’re welcome
ZZZ   Sleepy or Tired

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