

CPYU Trend Alert: "Text and Chat Acronyms"

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They're doing it everywhere. They text message each other while they're sitting in school. You see them locked onto their phone screens as they walk out of the school at the end of the day. A growing number of kids are engaging in the dangerous habit of typing messages to each other while behind the wheel of a car. They instant message while sitting at the computer, and sometimes text message through the night when they should be sleeping! It's a new kind of communication that's got a rapidly developing language all its own. This new *texting language* utilizes a growing dictionary of acronyms and abbreviations largely unknown to parents and other adults. 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.

8	oral sex	LMK	Let me know
143	I love you	LOL	Laugh out loud
182	I hate you	MOOS	Member of the opposite sex
2nite	Tonight	MOSS	Member of the same sex
459	I love you	MorF	Male or female?
420	Marijuana	MOS	Mom over shoulder
ADR	Address	MPFB	My personal f*** buddy
AEAP	As early as possible	NALOPKT	Not a lot of people know that
AFC	Away from computer	N-A-Y-L	In a while
ALAP	As late as possible	NAZ	Name/address/zip
ASL	Age/sex/location	NIFOQ	Nude in front of computer
banana	penis	NM	Never mind
BBIAF	Be back in a few	NMU	Not much, you?
BBL	Be back later	OLL	Online love
B/F	Boyfriend	OMG	Oh my God
BFF	Best friend forever	OMFG	Oh my f***ing God!
BFN	Bye for now	OSIF	Oh sh*t I forgot
BRB	Be right back	OTP	On the phone
BRT	Be right there	P911	Parent alert
CD9	Code 9, parents are around	PAL	Parents are listening
C-P	Sleepy	PAW	Parents are watching
CUL8R	See you later	PIR	Parent in room
CWYL	Chat with you later	POS	Parent over shoulder
DUM	Do you masturbate?	PRON	Porn
DUSL	Do you scream loud?	QT	Cutie
F2F	Face to face	RN	Right now
F2T	Free to talk	ROTFL	Rolling on the floor laughing
FB	F*** buddy	RU. . . ?	Are you. . . ?
FMLTWIA	F*** me like the whore I am	RU/18	Are you over 18?
FOL	Fond of leather	RUH	Are you horny?
G2G	Got to go	RUMORF	Are you male or female?
GF	Girlfriend	S2R	Send to receive (pictures)
GNOC	Get naked on (web)cam	SITD	Still in the dark
GYPO	Get your pants off	SMIM	Send me an instant message
HAK	Hugs and Kisses	SMEM	Send me an email
IF/IB	In front or in back?	SO	Significant other
IIT	Is it tight?	SorG	Straight or gay?
ILU	I love you	SWDYT	So what do you think?
ILY	I love you	TDTM	Talk dirty to me
IMEZRU	I'm easy, are you?	TOM	Tomorrow
IWSN	I want sex now	TS	Tough Sh*t
J/O	Jerking off	TTFN	Ta Ta for now
KFY	Kiss for you	UR?	You are. . . ?
Kitty	vagina	WFM	Works for me
KOTL	Kiss on the lips	WTF	What the f***
KPC	Keeping parents clueless	WTH	What the heck
L8R	Later	WUF	Where are you from?
LD	Long distance	WYCM	Will you call me?
LMIRL	Let's meet in real life	WYRN	What's your real name?

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