

Text Messaging Abbreviations

A Guide to Understanding Online Chat & Smiley Faces

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With the popularity and rise in usage of [Instant Messaging](#) programs, e-mail, Internet [Chat Rooms](#) and Cell Phone [Text Messaging](#) came the emergence of a new language tailored to the immediacy and compactness of these new communication media. If you have ever been in a chat room or received an instant message or text message from someone that seemed to be in its own foreign language, this Webopedia Quick Reference will help you decipher the text chat lingo. If you know of a text message abbreviation that is not included in our list, please [let us know](#). Online auction abbreviations [can be found here](#), in a separate Webopedia Quick Reference.

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Abbreviation Meaning

? I have a question
 ? I don't understand what you mean
 @TEOTD At the end of the day
 .02 My (or your) two cents worth
 143 I love you
 2G2BT Too good to be true
 2MI Too much information
 404 I don't know
 411 Meaning "information"
 420 Lets get high
 420 Meaning "Marijuana"
 4COL For crying out loud
 4EAE Forever and ever

A

Abbreviation Meaning

N

n00b Newbie
 N1 Nice one
 NBD No big deal
 NE Any
 NE1 Anyone
 NFM None for me / Not for me
 NIFOC Naked in front of computer
 NIMBY Not in my back yard
 NLT No later than
 NM Nothing much / Never mind
 NMH Not much here
 NO1 No one

AYTMTB And you're telling me this because

B

B/F Boyfriend
 B4 Before
 B4N Bye for now
 BAK Back at keyboard
 BAU Business as usual
 BB Be back
 BBIAF Be back in a few
 BBIAM Be back in a minute
 BBIAS Be back in a sec
 BBL Be back later
 BBS Be back soon
 BBT Be back tomorrow
 BC Because
 BCNU Be seeing you
 BCOS Because
 BF Best friend
 BDN Big darn number
 BFN Bye for now
 BG Big grin
 BGWM Be gentle with me
 BFD Big freaking deal
 BFG Big freaking grin
 BIF Before I forget
 BION Believe it or not
 BIOYN Blow it out your nose
 BLNT Better luck next time
 BM&Y Between me and you
 BOL Best of luck
 BOOMS Bored out of my skull
 BPLM Big person little mind
 BRB Be right back
 BRT Be right there
 BTA But then again
 BTDT Been there, done that
 BTW By the way

C

PM Private Message

PMFI Pardon me for interrupting

PMFJI Pardon me for jumping in

PMSL Pee myself laughing

POAHF Put on a happy face

POS Parent over shoulder

PPL People

PROLLY Probably

PRT Party

PRW People/parents are watching

PTL Praise the Lord

PTMM Please tell me more

PXT Please explain that

PU That stinks!

PZ Peace

Q

Q Queue

QIK Quick

QT Cutie

R

RL Real life

RME Rolling my eyes

ROFL Rolling on floor laughing

ROTFL Rolling on the floor laughing

C&G	Chuckle & grin	ROTFLUTS	Rolling on the floor laughing unable to speak
CID	Crying in disgrace		
CMIIW	Correct me if I'm wrong	RSN	Real soon now
CMON	Come on	RTFM	Read the freaking manual
COB	Close of business		
COS	Because	RUOK	Are you okay?
C/P	Cross post		
CR8	Create		
CRB	Come right back	S	
CRBT	Crying really big tears	SAL	Such a laugh
CU	See you too	SC	Stay cool
CU	See you	SETE	Smiling Ear-to-Ear
CU2	See you	SICNR	Sorry, I could not resist
CUA	See you around		
CUL	See you later	SIG2R	Sorry, I got to run
CULA	See you later alligator	SIS	Snickering in silence
CUL8R	See you later	SIT	Stay in touch
CWYL	Chat with you later	SLAP	Sounds like a plan
CYA	See ya	SMHID	Scratching my head in disbelief
CYO	See you online		
D		SNAFU	Situation normal all fouled up
D/L	Download		
DL	Download	SO	Significant other
DEGT	Don't even go there	SOL	Sooner or later
DIIK	Darned if I know	SOMY	Sick of me yet?
DIKU	Do I know you?	SOTMG	Short of time, must go
DM	Doesn't matter		
DQMOT	Don't quote me on this	SOWN	Someone with me
DTS	Don't think so	SPK	Speak
DV8	Deviate	SRSLY	Seriously
E		SPST	Same place, same time
EBKAC	Error between keyboard and chair	SRY	Sorry
EF4T	Effort	SS	So sorry
EG	Evil grin		
EMA	E-mail address		

EMFBI	Excuse me for butting in	SSDD	Same stuff, different day
EMSG	E-mail message	SSIF	So stupid it's funny
ENUF	Enough	SSINF	So stupid it's not funny
EOD	End of day	STR8	Straight
EOL	End of life	STW	Search the Web
EOM	End of message	SUITM	See you in the morning
EVA	Ever		
EZY	Easy		

F

F2F	Face to face
F2T	Free to talk
FBM	Fine by me
FC	Fingers crossed
FICCL	Frankly I couldn't care a less
FISH	First in, still here
FOMC	Falling off my chair
FOMCL	Falling off my chair laughing
FITB	Fill in the blank
FRT	For real though
FUBAR	Fouled up beyond all recognition
FUBB	Fouled up beyond belief
FWIW	For what it's worth
FYEO	For your eyes only
FYA	For your amusement
FYI	For your information

G

G	Grin
G	Giggle
G/F	Girlfriend
G2CU	Good to see you
G2G	Got to go
G2R	Got to run
G9	Genius
GA	Go ahead
GAL	Get a life

SUL	See you later
SUP	What's up?
SWMBO	She who must be obeyed. Meaning wife or partner
SYL	See you later

T

T+	Think positive
TA	Thanks a lot
TAFN	That's all for now
TAM	Tomorrow a.m.
TBC	To be continued
TBD	To be determined
TBH	To be honest
TC	Take care
TGIF	Thank God it's Friday
THX	Thanks
THNX	Thanks
THNQ	Thank-you
TIA	Thanks in advance
TIAD	Tomorrow is another day
TIC	Tongue-in-cheek
TLK2UL8R	Talk to you later
TMB	Text me back

GB	Goodbye	TMI	Too much information
GBU	God bless you	TMOT	Trust me on this
GDR	Grinning, ducking, and running	TMWFI	Take my word for it
GD/R	Grinning, ducking, and running	TNSTAAFL	There's no such thing as a free lunch
GFI	Go for it	TOJ	Tears of joy
GFN	Gone for now	TPM	Tomorrow p.m.
GG	Gotta Go	TPTB	The powers that be
GG	Good Game	TSTB	The sooner, the better
GGP	Got to go pee	TTFN	Ta ta for now
GIAR	Give it a rest	TTTT	These things take time
GIGO	Garbage in, garbage out	TTYAFN	Talk to you awhile from now
GJ	Good job	TTYL	Talk to you later
GL	Good luck	TTYS	Talk to you soon
GL/HF	Good luck, have fun	TU	Thank you
GLNG	Good luck next game	TY	Thank you
GMTA	Great minds think alike	TYT	Take your time
GN	Good night	TYVM	Thank you very much
GOI	Get over it		
GOL	Giggling out loud		
GR8	Great		
GR&D	Grinning, running and ducking		
GT	Good try		
GTG	Got to go		
GTRM	Going to read mail		
H		U	
H&K	Hugs & kisses	UCMU	You crack me up
H2CUS	Hope to see you soon	UFN	Until further notice
H8	Hate	UGTBK	You've got to be kidding
HAGN	Have a good night	UKTR	You know that's right
HAGO	Have a good one	UL	Upload
HAND	Have a nice day	UR	Your / You're
HF	Have fun	UV	Unpleasant visual
HHIS	Head hanging in shame		
HOAS	Hold on a second		

HRU How are you?
 HTH Hope this helps
 HV Have

I

IAC In any case
 IANAL I am not a lawyer
 IB I'm back
 IB I'm back
 IC I see
 ICAM I couldn't agree more
 ICBW It could be worse
 IDK I don't know
 IDTS I don't think so
 IDUNNO I don't know
 IG2R I got to run
 IIRC If I remember correctly
 ILBL8 I'll be late
 ILU I love you
 ILY I love you
 IM Instant message
 IMHO In my humble opinion
 IMNSHO In my not so humble opinion
 IMO In my opinion
 IMS I am sorry
 INAL I'm not a lawyer
 IOW In other words
 IRL In real life
 IRMC I rest my case
 IUSS If you say so
 IYKWIM If you know what I mean
 IYO In your opinion
 IYSS If you say so

J

j00r Your
 JAC Just a sec
 JIC Just in case
 JJA Just joking around

UW You're welcome

V

VEG Very evil grin
 VFM Value for money
 VGC Very good condition
 VIP Very important person
 VM Voice mail
 VSF Very sad face

W

w/ With
 WAM Wait a minute
 WAN2TLK Want to talk
 WAYF Where are you from?
 W/B Write back
 WB Welcome back
 WC Who cares
 WCA Who cares anyway
 WIBNI Wouldn't it be nice if
 WDALYIC Who died and left you in charge
 WDYK What do you know?
 WDYT What do you think?
 WIIFM What's in it for me?
 WISP Winning is so pleasurable
 WITW What in the world
 WIU Wrap it up
 WK Week
 WKD Weekend

JK Just kidding
 JMO Just my opinion
 JP Just playing

K

K8T Katie
 k/b Keyboard
 KB Keyboard
 KISS Keep it simple, stupid
 KIT Keep in touch
 KOC Kiss on cheek
 KOTC Kiss on the cheek
 KOTL Kiss on the lips
 KNIM Know what I mean?
 KPC Keeping parents clueless

L

l33t Leet, meaning "elite"
 L8R Later
 LD Later, dude / Long distance
 LEMENO Let me know
 LERK Leaving easy reach of keyboard
 LGH Lets get high
 LMAO Laughing my a** off
 LOL Laughing out loud
 LTM Laugh to myself
 LTNS Long time no see
 LQTM Laughing quietly to myself
 LYLAS Love you like a sis

M

M8 Mate
 MFI Mad for it
 MorF Male or female?
 MOS Mother over shoulder
 MSG Message
 MTF More to follow

WRT With regard to
 WOMBAT Waste of money, brains and time

WRK Work
 WRUD What are you doing?

WTB Wanted to buy
 WTF What the **** ?

WTG Way to go
 WTH What the heck?

WU? What's up?
 WUCIWUG What you see is what you get

WUF? Where are you from?

WWJD What would Jesus do?

WWYC Write when you can

WYLEI When you least expect it

WYSIWYG What you see is what you get

X

X Kiss
 XOXOXO Hugs & Kisses
 XLNT Excellent

Y

YA Your
 YBIC Your brother in Christ
 YBS You'll be sorry
 YCMU You crack me up
 YF Wife

MTFBWU	May the force be with you	YGBKM	You've got to be kidding me
MUAH	Multiple unsuccessful attempts (at/to) humor	YIU	Yes, I understand
MUSM	Miss you so much	YKWYCD	You know what you can do
MYOB	Mind your own business	YMMV	Your mileage may vary
		YR	Your
		YR	Yeah right
		YRYOCC	You're running your own cuckoo clock
		YSIC	Your sister in Christ
		YSYD	Yeah sure you do
		YT	You there?
		YW	You're welcome
		YWHNB	Yes, we have no bananas
		Z	
		ZZZZ	Sleeping (or bored)

Smiley Faces - Showing Emotions With Text Chat

A 'smiley face', often called a *smiley* or *emoticon*, is used in text communications to convey an *emotion* within a text message. Smiley faces are used in the same way voice changes and facial expressions are used in face-to-face or telephone conversation. For example, if you were joking with someone and send a text message saying "GAL (get a life)" the person receiving your message may think you are making a rude comment to them. If you send the same message with a "happy smiley" :) following the text, the person would then understand you were "smiling" - or joking around when you said that. Showing emotions through characters in text messaging helps the receiver correctly interpret your intent and meaning. To create a smiley face you use your standard keyboard characters and punctuation marks in sequences that look like facial expressions might. When viewing text smiley faces, they are all sideways. Here are some basics to get you started in understanding what the faces are:

- The close bracket represents a sideways smile)
- Add in the colon and you have sideways eyes :
- Put them together to make a smiley face :)

Use the dash - to add a nose :-)

Change the colon to a semi-colon ; and you have a winking face ;) with a nose ;-)

Put a lower case o (halo) on top and now you have a winking, smiling angel 0;) with a nose 0;-)

Use the letter 8 in place of the colon for sunglasses 8-)

Some chat and instant message programs automatically translate text smiley faces into graphics. In AOL Instant messenger (AIM), for example, if you type out the characters to make a "happy face" followed by "sad face" followed by "cool sunglasses" you would enter the following characters:

:) :(8-)

Once you've entered the text however, AIM converts the smiley text to graphics, if it can recognize the smiley pattern, and what you see on the screen will look like this:



Here are few examples of different smiley faces and their meanings:

Icon	Meaning	Icon	Meaning	Icon	Meaning
:)	Standard smile	:-#	With braces	:-!	"Foot in mouth"
:-)	With nose	:'-)	Happy Crying	:-D	Laughter
:-E	Buck-tooth	{:-)	Toupee smile	:*)	Drunk smile
>-)	Evil grin	;)	Winking smile	:@	Exclamation "What???"
:(Sad or frown smile	;-)	Winking smile with nose	:-@	Scream
:-(Sad with nose	O:-)	I'm an angel (boy)	:-0	Yell
:-<	Super sad	O*-)	I'm an angel (girl)	%-(Confused
(((H)))	Hugs	-O	Yawn	:-----)	Long nose (Liar!)
:-X	Kiss on the lips	(:-D	Gossip, blabbermouth	:-.)	Madonna
`:-)	One eyebrow raised	@>--;--	Rose	:-(\$)	Put your money where your mouth is
:^)	A broken nose	=^.^=	Cat	(:!	An egghead
:-&	tongue tied	O.o	Confused	-O	Yawning
E:-:)	a Ham radio operator	C=:-)	A chef		

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With the growing popularity of online buying and selling, Internet and online classified lingo has also grown. Use our Guide To Understanding eBay & Auction Acronyms to stay up to date with the jargon.

[Smiley Lore :-\), by Scott E. Fahlman](#)

Yes, I am the inventor of the sideways .smiley face. (sometimes called an .emoticon.) that is commonly used in E-mail, chat, and newsgroup posts. Or at least I'm one of the inventors.

[Lingo 2 Word Translation](#)

Translate text messages from Lingo to plain English, or from plain English to lingo.

[Smiley Central](#)

Smiley Central is an application that allows you to add fun "smiley" icons to AIM, ICQ, MSN Messenger and Yahoo Messenger , Outlook, Outlook Express, AOL Mail, MSN ISP Email and IncredIMail, MSN/Hotmail, Yahoo Mail, and most other HTML-based Web mail interfaces.

[The Unofficial Smiley Dictionary](#)

This "Unofficial Smiley Dictionary" is only one of many different collections by various "editors" you'll come across at many places on the Net.

[No LOL matter: Cyber lingo shows up in academia](#)

Tia Burnett couldn't believe what she was seeing when students turned in work that looked more like an instant-message conversation than an English assignment.

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