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Text Messaging Abbreviations

A Guide to Understanding Online Chat & Smiley Faces

With the popularity and rise in usage of instant messaging programs, e-mail, Internet chat rooms and cellphone 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, [let us know](#).

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Abbreviation Meaning

@TEOTD	At the end of the day
143	I love you
2G2BT	Too good to be true
404	I don't know
4EAE	Forever and ever

A

A3	Anytime, anywhere, anyplace
AAF	As a matter of fact

Abbreviation Meaning

N

n00b	Newbie
N1	Nice one
NBD	No big deal
NE	Any
NE1	Anyone
NFM	None for me / Not for me
NIMBY	Not in my back yard
NLT	No later than

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AAK	Asleep at keyboard	NM	Nothing much / Never mind
AAMOI	As a matter of interest	NMH	Not much here
AAP	Always a pleasure	NO1	No one
AAR	At any rate	NOYB	None of your business
AAS	Alive and smiling	NP	No problem
ACK	Acknowledge	NRN	No response/reply necessary
ADD	Address	NVM	Never mind
ADN	Any day now	NW	No way
ADR	Address	NW)	No way out
AEAP	As early as possible	O	
AFAIK	As far as I know	OIC	Oh, I see
AFK	Away from keyboard	OMG	Oh my God
AFPOE	A fresh pair of eyes	OMW	On my way
AIGHT	Alright	OO	Over and out
AISB	As it should be	OOH	Out of here
AKA	Also known as	OOTD	One of these days
ALCON	All concerned	OP	On phone
AML	All my love	OTB	Off to bed
AOTA	All of the above	OTL	Out to lunch
ASAP	As soon as possible	OTOH	On the other hand
A/S/L	Age/sex/location	OTT	Over the top
ASL	Age/sex/location	OTTOMH	Off the top of my head
AT	At your terminal	OTW	Off to work
ATM	At the moment	OVA	Over
AWOL	Away without leaving	P	
AYEC	At your earliest convenience	PCM	Please call me
AYOR	At your own risk	PDQ	Pretty darn quick
AYSOS	Are you stupid or something	PLMK	Please let me know
		PLS	Please



AYTMTB	And you're telling me this because	PLZ	Please
		PM	Private Message
		PMFI	Pardon me for interrupting
		PMFJI	Pardon me for jumping in
		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!
		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
		ROTFLUTS	Rolling on the floor laughing unable to speak
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 seein' you		
BCOS	Because		
BF	Best friend		
BDN	Big damn number		
BFN	Bye for now		
BG	Big grin		
BGWM	Be gentle with me		
BFG	Big f***ing grin		
BIOYN	Blow it out your nose		
BLNT	Better luck next time		
BM&Y	Between me and you		
BOL	Best of luck		
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

CMIIW Correct me if I'm wrong
 CMON Come on
 COB Close of business
 COS Because
 C/P Cross post
 CR8 Create
 CRB Come right back
 CRBT Crying really big tears
 CU See you
 CUA See you around
 CUL See you later
 CUL8R See you later
 CWYL Chat with you later
 CYA See ya
 CYO See you online

D

D/L Download
 DL Download
 DEGT Don't even go there
 DIKU Do I know you?
 DQMOT Don't quote me on this
 DTS Don't think so
 DV8 Deviate

E

EBKAC Error between keyboard and chair
 EF4T Effort
 EG Evil grin
 EMA E-mail address
 EMFBI Excuse me for butting in
 EMSG E-mail message
 ENUF Enough
 EOD End of day
 EOM End of message
 EVA Ever

RSN Real soon now
 RTFM Read the f***ing manual
 RUOK Are you okay?

S

SAL Such a laugh
 SC Stay cool
 SETE Smiling Ear-to-Ear
 SICNR Sorry, I could not resist
 SIG2R Sorry, I got to run
 SIS Snickering in silence
 SIT Stay in touch
 SLAP Sounds like a plan
 SMHID Scratching my head in disbelief
 SNAFU Situation normal all fouled up
 SO Significant other
 SOL Sooner or later
 SOMY Sick of me yet?
 SOTMG Short of time, must go
 SPK Speak
 SPST Same place, same time
 SRY Sorry
 SS So sorry
 SSDD Same stuff, different day

EZY	Easy	SSINF	So stupid it's not funny
F			
F2F	Face to face	STR8	Straight
F2T	Free to talk	STW	Search the Web
FBM	Fine by me		
FC	Fingers crossed	SUITM	See you in the morning
FICCL	Frankly I couldn't care a less	SUL	See you later
FISH	First in, still here	SUP	What's up?
FOMCL	Falling off my chair laughing	SYL	See you later
FITB	Fill in the blank	T	
FRT	For real though	T+	Think positive
FWIW	For what it's worth	TA	Thanks a lot
FYEO	For your eyes only	TAFN	That's all for now
FYI	For your information	TAM	Tomorrow a.m.
G		TBC	To be continued
G	Grin	TBD	To be determined
G/F	Girlfriend	TBH	To be honest
G2CU	Good to see you	TC	Take care
G2G	Got to go	TGIF	Thank God it's Friday
G2R	Got to run	THX	Thanks
G9	Genius	THNX	Thanks
GA	Go ahead	THNQ	Thank-you
GAL	Get a life	TIA	Thanks in advance
GB	Goodbye	TIAD	Tomorrow is another day
GBU	God bless you	TLK2UL8R	Talk to you later
GDR	Grinning, ducking, and running	TMB	Text me back
GD/R	Grinning, ducking, and running	TMI	Too much information
GFI	Go for it		
GG	Gotta Go or Good Game		
GIAR	Give it a rest		
GIGO	Garbage in, garbage out		
GL	Good luck		
GL/HF	Good luck, have fun		

GLNG	Good luck next game	TMOT	Trust me on this
GMTA	Great minds think alike	TMWFI	Take my word for it
GOI	Get over it	TNSTAAFL	There's no such thing as a free lunch
GOL	Giggling out loud	TPM	Tomorrow p.m.
GR8	Great	TPTB	The powers that be
GR&D	Grinning, running and ducking	TSTB	The sooner, the better
GT	Good try		
GTG	Got to go		
GTRM	Going to read mail		
H			
H&K	Hugs & kisses	TTFN	Ta ta for now
H2CUS	Hope to see you soon	TTTT	These things take time
H8	Hate	TTYL	Talk to you later
HAGN	Have a good night	TTYS	Talk to you soon
HAGO	Have a good one	TU	Thank you
HAND	Have a nice day	TY	Thank you
HF	Have fun	TYT	Take your time
HHIS	Head hanging in shame	TYVM	Thank you very much
HOAS	Hold on a second		
HRU	How are you?	U	
HTH	Hope this helps	UCMU	You crack me up
HV	Have	UGTBK	You've got to be kidding
I			
IAC	In any case	UKTR	You know that's right
IANAL	I am not a lawyer	UL	Upload
IB	I'm back	UR	Your / You're
IB	I'm back	UV	Unpleasant visual
IC	I see	UW	You're welcome
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	V	

IIRC	If I remember correctly	VEG	Very evil grin
ILBL8	I'll be late	VFM	Value for money
ILU	I love you	VGC	Very good condition
ILY	I love you	VIP	Very important person
IM	Instant message	VM	Voice mail
IMHO	In my humble opinion	VSF	Very sad face
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		W	
j00r	Your	WAM	Wait a minute
JAC	Just a sec	WAN2TLK	Want to talk
JIC	Just in case	WAYF	Where are you from?
JJA	Just joking around	W/B	Write back
JK	Just kidding	WB	Welcome back
JMO	Just my opinion	WC	Who cares
JP	Just playing	WCA	Who cares anyway
K		WIBNI	Wouldn't it be nice if
K8T	Katie	WDALYIC	Who died and left you in charge
k/b	Keyboard	WDYK	What do you know
KB	Keyboard	WIIFM	What's in it for me?
KISS	Keep it simple, stupid	WISP	Winning is so pleasurable
KIT	Keep in touch	WITW	What in the world
KOC	Kiss on cheek	WIU	Wrap it up
KOTC	Kiss on the cheek	WK	Week
		WKD	Weekend
		WRT	With regard to

KOTL	Kiss on the lips	WOMBAT	Waste of money, brains and time
KNIM	Know what I mean?		
L			
I33t	Leet, meaning "elite"	WRK	Work
L8R	Later	WRUD	What are you doing?
LD	Later, dude / Long distance	WTB	Wanted to buy
LERK	leaving easy reach of keyboard	WTF	What the f*ck
LMAO	Laughing my a** off	WTG	Way to go
LOL	Laughing out loud	WTH	What the heck?
LTM	Laugh to myself	WU?	What's up?
LTNS	Long time no see	WUCIWUG	What you see is what you get
LYLAS	Love you like a sis	WUF?	Where are you from?
M			
M8	Mate	WWJD	What would Jesus do?
MFI	Mad for it	WWYC	Write when you can
MorF	Male or female?	WYLEI	When you least expect it
MoS	Mother over shoulder	WYSIWYG	What you see is what you get
MSG	Message		
MTF	More to follow		
MTFBWU	May the force be with you		
MUSM	Miss you so much		
MYOB	Mind your own business		
X			
		X	Kiss
		XLNT	Excellent
Y			
		YA	Your
		YBS	You'll be sorry
		YCMU	You crack me up
		YGBKM	You've got to be kidding me

YKWYCD	You know what you can do
YMMV	Your mileage may vary
YR	Your
YR	Yeah right
YRYOCC	You're running your own cookoo clock
YSYD	Yeah sure you do
YW	You're welcome

Z

ZZZZ	Sleeping (or bored)
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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	I-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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