

What do online abbreviations/acronyms mean?

You may see a child or teenager typing furiously during an instant messaging (IM) session, and when you peek over their shoulder – you see only short or fractured words. It almost looks like an entirely new language. What does it mean? These abbreviated words, known as acronyms or online lingo, are shorthand for common phrases used in spoken English. Below is a list of common acronyms:

143: I love you

ASL: age/sex/location

BF: boyfriend

BRB: be right back

BTW: by the way

F2f: face to face

GF: girlfriend

IDK: I don't know

IMO: in my opinion

IRL: in real life

JK: just kidding

K: okay

KIT: keep in touch

LDR: long distance relationship

LMIRL: let's meet in real life

LOL: laughing out loud

M/F: male or female

N/P: no problem

NTK: nice to know

OMG: oh my god

OTP: on the phone

P911: my parents are coming

PAL: parents are listening

PAW: parents are watching

PDA: public display of affection

PIR: parent in room

POS: parent over shoulder

PPL: people

S2R: send to receive

ROFL: rolling on floor laughing

THX: thanks

TTYL: talk to you later

TY: thank you

WT? what the

WTG: way to

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<http://www.web-friend.com/help/lingo/chatslang.html>

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