



90 Texting Terms

(That **every** parent should know)

Introduction

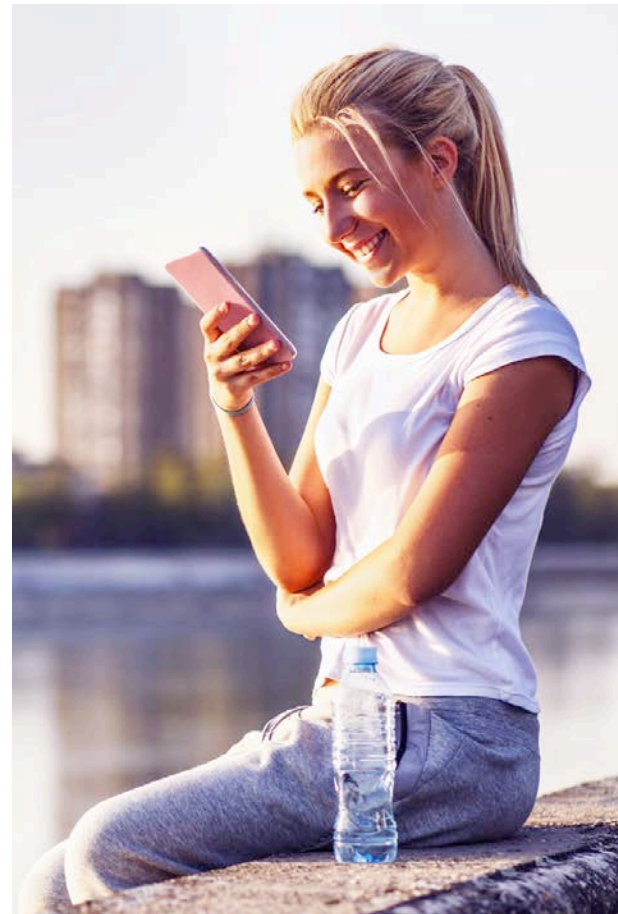
Sometimes it feels like parents and teens don't speak the same language. When it comes to **texting, and instant messaging**, that's literally true.

If you've glanced at a teen's text conversation, you'll likely see it sprinkled with acronyms, shorthand, and **emoticons (small pictures)** that seem to make no sense.

Those letters, numbers, and images are an ever-evolving code that kids pick up from their friends. Some acronyms are harmless, like the now-common **LOL (laughing out loud)**, but others aren't so innocent.

This handy guide will give you a refresher course on the texting terms that your children and teens may be using.

Important Note: Terms and emoticons that may be **cause for parental concern** are marked with the following symbol.












91%
of teens with cell
phones actively
text.







A young man with dark hair is lying on a brown couch in a dimly lit room. He is holding a smartphone in his hands and looking at the screen. The background is dark, with some greenery visible in the upper left corner. The overall mood is quiet and focused on the device.

48%

of teens have received **sexually suggestive** messages via text, instant message, or email.

Texting Terms

Term /Acronym	Meaning	
1174	Invite to a wild party (usually followed with an address)	
143	I love you	
420 or 4:20	Marijuana	
53X	Sex	
9	Parent watching	
99	Parent gone	
Amirite	Am I right?	
ASL	Age Sex Location (Used in chat rooms)	
BF	Boyfriend	
Broken	Hungover from alcohol	
BRB	Be Right Back	
CD9	Code 9 (Parents are around)	
CID	Acid (the drug)	
CU46	See You For Sex	
CWTCU	Can't Wait to See You	
CWYL	Chat With You Later	
CYT	See You Tomorrow	
DOC	Drug of choice	
F2F	Face to Face (Asking for a meeting or video chat)	

Term /Acronym	Meaning	
GF	Girlfriend	
GNOC	Get Naked on Cam (webcam)	
GTG	Got to Go	
HIFW	How I Felt/Feel When	
IDK	I Don't Know	
IK	I Know	
IPN	I'm Posting Naked	
IMHO	In My Humble Opinion	
IMNSHO	In My Not So Humble Opinion	
IWSN	I Want Sex Now	
KFY or K4Y	Kiss For You	
KMP	Keep Me Posted	
KOTL	Kiss On The Lips	
KPC	Keeping Parents Clueless	
L8R	Later	
LH6	Let's Have Sex	
LMIRL	Let's Meet in Real Life	
LOL	Laughing Out Loud	
LMK	Let Me Know	
MorF	Male or Female	
MOS	Mom Over Shoulder	
NAZ	Name/Address/ZIP (Used in chat rooms)	
NISM	Need I Say More?	






















Term /Acronym	Meaning	
Noob/Newbie	Someone who doesn't know much about something (often used as an insult)	
NM	Never Mind	
NMR	Not My Responsibility	
NMU	Not Much, You?	
P911	Parent Emergency/Alert	
PAL	Parents Are Listening	
PAW	Parents are Watching	
PIR	Parent In Room	
POS	Parent Over Shoulder	
PRON	Porn	
QQ4U	Quick question for you	
RME	Rolling My Eyes	
ROTFL	Rolling On The Floor Laughing	
RU/18	Are You Over 18?	
S2R	Send To Receive (pictures)	
SOHF	Sense Of Humor Failure	
SUGARPIC	Suggestive or erotic photo	
TDTM	Talk Dirty To Me	
THOT	That Hoe Over There (derogatory term)	
TWD	Texting While Driving	
Warez	Pirated software	
W/E	Whatever	
WTF	What the F***?!	



Emoticons

are small images often used in **sexually suggestive** or **drug-related** texts.

Emoticons / Emojis

Emoticon	Meaning	
	Eggplant / Male Genitalia	
	Banana / Male Genitalia	
	Blowing a Kiss / Flirting	
	Love / Flirting	
	Sex / Orgasm	
	Fire / Sexy / Hot	
	Perfect Score / Sexy	
	Who me? But I'm so innocent...	
	Tongue / Yum / Flirting / Oral sex	
	Peach / Female Genitalia	
	Doughnut / Female Genitalia	
	Maple leaf / Commonly used to represent Marijuana	
	Air / Steam / Commonly used to represent Marijuana smoke	

Emoticon

Meaning



Smirk / Flirting / Suggestive



Happy devil / Suggestive



Cheeky monkey / Suggestive



Zodiac sign / 69 / Commonly used to represent oral sex



Commonly used to represent intercourse



Nut and bolt / Commonly used to represent intercourse



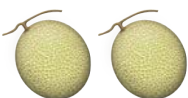
Request for a pic



Waving hand / Spanking



Cherries / Testicles / Breasts



Melon / Breasts



French Kiss



Approving eyes / Suggestive