

Text Message Language & Slang

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- Often consists of abbreviations and slang often used in texting over the phone and other internet-based conversations.
- Below is a chart of typical abbreviations that are often used in the English Language. These should NOT be used in Academic Writing.

ABT	about	IDC	I don't care	PM	private message
AFK	away from keyboard	IKR	I know right	POV	point of view
ASAP	as soon as possible	IM	instant message	RN	right now
BF	boyfriend	IRL	in real life	SMH	shaking my head
BRB	be right back	IYKYK	if you know you know	TBA	to be announced
BTW	by the way	JK	just kidding	TBD	to be decided
DIY	do it yourself	LMK	let me know	TBH	to be honest
FYI	for your information	LOL	laugh out loud	THX	thanks
GF	girlfriend	MYOB	mind your own business	TMI	too much information
GG	good game	NP	no problem	TW	trigger warning
GR8	great	OFC	of course	NBD	No big deal
GTG	got to go	OMG	oh my god/goodness	NVM	never mind
IDK	I don't know	OMW	on my way	WYD	what are you doing



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