

SMS Acronyms

Acronyms are commonplace in online communication. In order to stay abreast of the evolving use of short message service (SMS) acronyms, parents and professionals need to constantly educate themselves. Below is a list of the most commonly used abbreviations, codes, phrases, and acronyms that are used by teens and young adults today.

Network specific abbreviations

FB: Facebook

G+: Google +

IG: Instagram

LI: LinkedIn

TW: Twitter

YT: YouTube

DM: Direct Message. On Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, users can “slide into” someone’s DMs by sending a private message.

MT: Modified Tweet Tweets that begin with MT indicate that the Tweeter has edited the content they’re retweeting for brevity or other reasons. This is also called a Quote Tweet.

PM: Private Message PMs are the same as direct messages. If someone asks you to PM them, they’re essentially asking to move a public conversation into the private realm.

RT: Retweet Instead of hitting the retweet button, some Twitter users repost a tweet and use “RT” plus the user’s handle for attribution.

Popular social media acronyms and abbreviations

AMA: Ask Me Anything

BRB: Be Right Back

BTS: Behind the Scenes

BTW: By The Way

DYK: Did You Know

ELI5: Explain It To Me Like I'm Five

FBF: Flashback Friday

FOMO: Fear Of Missing Out

FTW: For The Win

FYI: For Your Information

H/T: Hat Tip- Credits an original source

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

IMO/IMHO: In My (Humble) Opinion

IRL: In Real Life

NBD: No Big Deal

NSFW: Not Safe For Work

SMH: Shaking My Head

TBH: To Be Honest

TBT: Throwback Thursday

TFW: That Feeling When

TL;DR: Too Long; Didn't Read

WBW: Way Back Wednesday

Newest Acronyms

411: Information

AF: As F—

BAE: Before Anyone Else

BC: Because

FFS: For F— 's Sake

FML: F— My Life

FWIW: For What It's Worth

HMU: Hit Me Up

IDK: I Don't Know

ILY: I Love You.

ISO: In Search Of

JK: Just Kidding

JTM: Just the Messenger

LMAO: Laughing My A— Off

LOL: Laughing Out Loud

NVM: Never mind

NYT: Name Your Trade

Obv: Obviously

OH: Overheard

OMG: Oh My God/ Goodness

OMW: On My Way

Pls: Please

PSA: Public Service Announcement

RN: Right Now

ROFL: Rolling On The Floor Laughing

SRSLY: Seriously

TIL: Today I Learned

TMI: Too Much Information

TY: Thank You

WTF: What The F—

YW: You're Welcom

SMS Teen Codes

143 – I love you

182 – I hate you

2DAY – Today

420 – Marijuana

459 – I love you

4EAE – For ever
and ever

53X – Sex

AND – Any day
now

ADR – Address

AEAP – As early
as possible

AFAIK – As far as I
know

AFK – Away from
keyboard

ALAP – As late as
possible

ASL –
Age/sex/location

ATM – At the
moment

BFN – Bye for now

BOL – Be on later

BRB – Be right
back

Broken –
Hungover

CD9 – Code 9
parents are around

CTN– Can't talk
now

CU46 – See you for
sex

DOC – Drug of
Choice

F2F or FTF – Face
to face

FWB – Friends with
benefits

FYEO – For your
eyes only

GAL – Get a life

GB – Goodbye

GLHF – Good luck,
have fun

GNOC – Get naked
on cam

GTG – Got to go

GYPO – Get your
pants off

HAK – Hugs and
kisses

HAND – Have a
nice day

HTH – Hope this
helps/ Happy to
help

HW – Homework

IIRC – If I
remember correctly

IKR – I know, right?

ILU – I love you

IPN – I'm posting
naked

IU2U – It's up to
you

IWSN – I want sex
now

IYKWIM – If you
know what I mean

J/K – Just kidding

J4F – Just for fun

JIC – Just in case

JSYK – Just so you
know

KFY – Kiss for you

KMS – Kill myself

KOTL – Kiss On
The Lips

KPC – Keeping parents clueless

KYS – Kill yourself

L8 – Late **LH6** – Let's have sex

LMBO – Laughing my butt off

LMIRL – Let's meet in real life

LMK – Let me know

LSR – Loser

MIRL – Meet in real life

MOS – Mom over shoulder

NAGI – Not a good idea

NALOPKT – Not a lot of people know that

NIFOC– Nude in front of computer

NM – Never mind

NMU – Not much, you?

NP – No problem

NTS – Note to self

OIC – Oh I see

ONLY – Oh, really?

OT – Off topic

OTP – On the phone

P911 – Parent alert

P999 – Parent alert

PAL – Parents are Listening

PAW – Parents are watching

PCM – Please call me

PIR – Parent in room

PLS or PLZ– Please

PRON – Porn

PTB – Please text back

QQ – Crying

RAK– Random act of kindness

RU/18 – Are you over 18?

SMH – Shaking my head

SOS – Someone over shoulder

SSDD – Same stuff, different day

SWAK – Sealed with a kiss

SWYP– So, what's your problem?

SYS – See you soon

TBC – To be continued

TDTM – Talk dirty to me

TIME – Tears in my eyes

VSF – Very sad face

WB – Welcome back

WTPA – Where the party at?

WTPP – Want to trade pictures?

WYCM – Will you call me?

WYRN – What's Your Real Name

YOLO– You only live once

YW – You're welcome

ZERG – To gang up on someone

ZOMG – Oh my God (sarcastic)

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