



Text Abbreviations & Internet Terms

The internet has given rise to a whole lexicon of slang, abbreviations and phrases. Here's a quick guide to get you up to speed on some of the more commonly used abbreviations and terminology.

Abbreviations

AFAIK: *As far as I know*

B/C: *Because*

BFF: *Best friend forever*

BRB: *Be right back*

BRT: *Be right there*

BTW: *By the way*

HF: *Have fun*

HTH: *Hope this helps*

IDC: *I don't care*

IDK: *I don't know*

IMO: *In my opinion*

IMHO: *In my humble*

IOW: *In other words*

IRL: *In real life*

JK: *Just kidding*

LOL: *Laugh out loud*

MMW: *Mark my words*

N/M: *Nevermind*

NNTR: *No need to respond*

NOYB: *None of your business*

NP: *No problem*

OIC: *Oh, I see*

OMG: *Oh my god*

OMW: *On my way*

OTOH: *On the other hand*

OP: *Original poster*

OT: *Off topic*

P911: *Parent alert*

PAL: *Parents are listening*

PAW: *Parents are watching*

PIR: *Parent in room*

PM: *Private message*

POV: *Point of view*

QT: *Cutie*

ROFL: *Rolling on the floor laughing*

RU: *Are you*

TBA: *To be announced*

TBC: *To be continued/confirmed*

TBD: *To be determined*

TIA: *Thanks in advance*

TY: *Thank you*

THX: *Thanks*

TYVM: *Thank you very much*

TTYL: *Talk to you later*

UR: *Your, you're*

WB: *Welcome back*

WFM: *Works for me*

W8: *Wait*

YMMD: *You made my day*

YW: *You're welcome*

YVW: *You're very welcome*

Internet Terminology

Retweet: To forward/quote a tweet from another user.

Hashtag: The # symbol, which designates the words after it as keywords or topics.

Trending: When a term is extremely popular on Twitter.

Feed: A list of messages from or about a social media user that updates whenever new information is available.

Handle: How a Twitter user is publicly identified.

@Mention: The @ symbol followed by a Twitter handle, which will send a public message to the user.

Follower: Someone who is sent automatic updates on a certain person's feed in social media.

Stream: Audio or video that is sent live over the internet.

Streamer: The person who is broadcasting a stream. May also refer to someone who frequently streams, either as an occupation or otherwise.

Forum: A place for online discussion. Often divided into categories to make finding topics easier.

Thread: An individual topic within a forum.

Post: A response to a thread.

Hijack: Attempting to change the topic of a thread online. This is considered rude on many forums.

Bump: A comment containing just the word "bump" is meant to bring a thread back (bump it back) to the top of the forum page. Forum rules vary when it comes to whether "bumping" is allowed, but it is often considered bad etiquette.

Necro: A reply to a very old thread, which causes it to return to the front page of the forum. This is considered bad etiquette. It is better to try to find a more recent post, or create one of your own if none exists.

Troll: An individual that makes incendiary or otherwise rude comments with the intent to annoy or anger others online. This is referred to as "trolling".

