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Texting Tips

You may have noticed that your tech-savvy friends and relatives (especially the younger ones) opt to text rather than email. With poky old email, you compose your message, click Send, and then wait until the recipient accesses his or her email inbox and replies. There’s no waiting with a text message. As fast as your fingers can tap your words and press Send, your missive appears on the recipient’s cell or smartphone. Texting takes place in real time just like actual conversations. The slowest part with texting for me is my lousy typing!

Here are some common abbreviations that are used when texting:

Emoticons use punctuation and symbols to express emotions and ideas.

SAY IT WITH AN EMOTICON	
:)	smile
:)	also a smile
:-D	laughing
:}	grin
:(frown
:-(crying
;)	wink
:-)	happy and crying
:@	screaming
:-&	tongue-tied

GEE, WHAT'S AN EMOJI?

Emojis, introduced by the Japanese, are a more sophisticated version of an emoticon used on tablets and smartphones. Instead of being made with symbols on the keyboard, they are

tiny, simple illustrations that can help you make a point.



Watch [Video #7 How To Turn Your Emoji On](#) to learn more about **emojis**.

“IS THIS THING ON?”



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LOW W/B (IN OTHER WORDS, WRITE BACK)

Due to the brevity of this form of communication, shortcuts are often used. Below are some abbreviations that you may want to try in addition to the emoticons found on page 276.

B4 Before

BBL Be back later

BC Because

BFN Bye for now

BTW By the way

CU See you

F2F Face-to-face

GL Good luck

GR8 Great

GTG Got to go

HAGD Have a good day

IDK I don't know

IG2R I've got to run

IMHO In my humble opinion

IRL In real life

JK Just kidding

JMO Just my opinion

L8R Later

LOL Laughing out loud

NVM Never mind

OMG Oh my God

OTL Out to lunch

NP No problem

PLS/PLZ Please

POS Parent over shoulder

PU That stinks!

ROFL Rolling on the floor laughing

Try to translate this: **RUOK? WOULD <3 2 GO OTL.TSTB. IG2R. ;)**

Are you OK? I would love to go out to lunch. The sooner, the better. I've got to run. Smile and a wink.

RUOK Are you OK?

TSTB The sooner, the better

TTYL Talk to you later

TY Thank you

UR You're/your

WAM Wait a minute

YW You're welcome

ZZZZ Sleeping

<3 Love/heart