

Here's your guide to understanding the lingo of instant messaging.

- ⇒ 121 = one to one
- ⇒ AFAIK = as far as I know
- ⇒ AFK = away from keyboard
- ⇒ AKA = also known as
- ⇒ ARE = acronym-rich environment
- ⇒ ASAP = as soon as possible
- ⇒ A/S/L? = age, sex, location
- ⇒ B4 = before
- ⇒ B4N = bye for now
- ⇒ BAK = back at the keyboard
- ⇒ BBIAB = be back in a bit
- ⇒ BBL = be back later
- ⇒ BBML = be back much later
- ⇒ BBN = bye bye now
- ⇒ BBS = be back soon
- ⇒ BEG = big evil grin
- ⇒ BF = boyfriend
- ⇒ BFN = bye for now
- ⇒ BG = big grin
- ⇒ BL = belly laughing
- ⇒ BRB = be right back
- ⇒ BTA = but then again
- ⇒ BTW = by the way
- ⇒ BWL = bursting with laughter
- ⇒ BWTHDIK = but what the heck do I know
- ⇒ C&G = chuckle & grin
- ⇒ CID = crying in disgrace
- ⇒ CNP = continued (in my) next post
- ⇒ CP = chat post
- ⇒ CRBT = crying real big tears
- ⇒ CSG = chuckle, snicker, grin
- ⇒ CU = see you
- ⇒ CUL or CUL8ER = see you later
- ⇒ CUZ = because
- ⇒ CYO = see you online
- ⇒ DIKU = do I know you?
- ⇒ DL = dead link
- ⇒ DLTBBB = don't let the bed bugs bite
- ⇒ DQMOT = don't quote me on this
- ⇒ EG = evil grin
- ⇒ EMFBI = excuse me for butting in
- ⇒ EOM = end of message
- ⇒ EOT = end of thread
- ⇒ F2F = face to face
- ⇒ FAQ = frequently asked question(s)
- ⇒ FC = fingers crossed
- ⇒ FISH = first in, still here

- ☺ FMTYEWTK = far more than you ever wanted to know
- ☺ FOMCL = falling off my chair laughing
- ☺ FTBOMH = from the bottom of my heart
- ☺ FUD = fear, uncertainty, and doubt
- ☺ FWIW = for what it's worth
- ☺ FYI = for your information
- ☺ GA = go ahead
- ☺ GAL = get a life
- ☺ GD&R = grinning, ducking, & running
- ☺ GF = girlfriend
- ☺ GFN = gone for now
- ☺ GIWIST = gee, I wish I'd said that
- ☺ GMBO = giggling my butt off
- ☺ GMTA = great minds think alike
- ☺ GOL = giggling out loud
- ☺ GTRM = going to read mail
- ☺ GTSY = glad to see you
- ☺ H&K = hug and kiss
- ☺ HAGN = have a good night
- ☺ HHIS = hanging head in shame
- ☺ HTH = hope this helps
- ☺ IAC = in any case
- ☺ IAE = in any event
- ☺ IANAL = I am not a lawyer (but)
- ☺ IC = I see
- ☺ IDK = I don't know
- ☺ IHA = I hate acronyms
- ☺ IIRC = if I remember correctly
- ☺ ILU = I love you
- ☺ IM = instant message
- ☺ IMHO = in my humble opinion
- ☺ IMing = chatting with someone online
- ☺ IMNSHO = in my not so humble opinion
- ☺ IMO = in my opinion
- ☺ IOW = in other words
- ☺ IPN = I'm posting naked
- ☺ IRL = in real life
- ☺ IWALU = I will always love you
- ☺ IYSWIM = if you see what I mean
- ☺ JBOD = just a bunch of disks
- ☺ JIC = just in case
- ☺ JK = just kidding
- ☺ JMO = just my opinion
- ☺ JTLYK = just to let you know
- ☺ JW = just wondering
- ☺ K = okay
- ☺ KIT = keep in touch
- ☺ KOC = kiss on cheek
- ☺ KOL = kiss on lips

- ☺ KWIM = know what I mean?
- ☺ L2M = listening to music
- ☺ L8R = later
- ☺ LD = later, dude
- ☺ LDR = long distance relationship
- ☺ LHM = lord help me
- ☺ LHU = lord help us
- ☺ LLTA = lots and lots of thunderous applause
- ☺ LMIRL = let's meet in real life
- ☺ LMSO = laughing my socks off
- ☺ LOL = laughing out loud
- ☺ LRF = little rubber feet
- ☺ LSHMBB = laughing so hard my belly is bouncing
- ☺ LSHMBH = laughing so hard my belly hurts
- ☺ LSHTTARDML = laughing so hard the tears are running down my leg
- ☺ LTM = laugh to myself
- ☺ LTNS = long time, no see
- ☺ LTR = long term relationship
- ☺ LTS = laughing to self
- ☺ LULAB = love you like a brother
- ☺ LULAS = love you like a sister
- ☺ LUWAMH = love you with all my heart
- ☺ LY = love you
- ☺ M/F = male or female
- ☺ MOSS = member of same sex
- ☺ MOTOS = member of the opposite sex
- ☺ MSG = message
- ☺ MTF = more to follow
- ☺ MUSM = miss you so much
- ☺ NADT = not a darn thing
- ☺ NIFOC = naked in front of computer
- ☺ NP = nosy parents
- ☺ N/P = no problem
- ☺ NRN = no reply necessary
- ☺ OIC = oh I see
- ☺ OL = old lady
- ☺ OLL = online love
- ☺ OM = old man
- ☺ OMG = oh my god
- ☺ OTF = off the floor
- ☺ OTOH = on the other hand
- ☺ OTTOMH = off the top of my head
- ☺ P2P = peer to peer
- ☺ P911 = my parents are coming!
- ☺ PA = parent alert
- ☺ PAL = parents are listening
- ☺ PANB = parents are nearby
- ☺ PANS = pretty awesome new stuff
- ☺ PDA = public display of affection

- ☺ PDS = please don't shoot
- ☺ PLZ = please
- ☺ PM = private message
- ☺ PMFJIB = pardon me for jumping in but...
- ☺ PMP = peed my pants
- ☺ POAHF = put on a happy face
- ☺ POS = parent over shoulder
- ☺ POTS = plain old telephone service
- ☺ PU = that stinks
- ☺ QSL = reply
- ☺ QSO = conversation
- ☺ QT = cutie
- ☺ RL = real life
- ☺ ROL = raffing out loud
- ☺ ROTFL = rolling on the floor laughing
- ☺ RPG = role playing games
- ☺ RSN = real soon now
- ☺ RYO = roll your own
- ☺ S4L = spam for life
- ☺ SETE = smiling ear to ear
- ☺ SF = surfer friendly
- ☺ SHCOON = shoot hot coffee out of nose
- ☺ SHID = slaps head in disgust
- ☺ SNERT = snot-nosed egotistical rude teenager
- ☺ SO = significant other
- ☺ SOMY = sick of me yet?
- ☺ SOT = short of time
- ☺ SOTMG = short of time, must go
- ☺ STW = search the web
- ☺ SUP or WU = what's up
- ☺ SWAK = sealed with a kiss
- ☺ SWL = screaming with laughter
- ☺ SYS = see you soon
- ☺ TA = thanks again
- ☺ TAFN = that's all for now
- ☺ TAW = teachers are watching
- ☺ TCOB = taking care of business
- ☺ TCOY = take care of yourself
- ☺ TFH = thread from hell
- ☺ TGIF = thank God it's Friday
- ☺ THX = thanks
- ☺ TIA = thanks in advance
- ☺ TILII = tell it like it is
- ☺ TLK2UL8R = talk to you later
- ☺ TMI = too much information
- ☺ TNT = 'till next time
- ☺ TOPCA = 'til our paths cross again
- ☺ TOY = thinking of you
- ☺ TPTB = the powers that be

- ☺ TTFN = ta ta for now
- ☺ TTT = thought that too
- ☺ TTYL = talk to you later
- ☺ TU = thank you
- ☺ UW = you're welcome
- ☺ VBG = very big grin
- ☺ WB = welcome back
- ☺ WDALYIC = who died and left you in charge?
- ☺ W/E = whatever
- ☺ WFM = works for me
- ☺ WIBNI = wouldn't it be nice if
- ☺ WTG = way to go
- ☺ WTGP = want to go private?
- ☺ WTH = what/who the heck
- ☺ WUF = where are you from?
- ☺ WYSIWYG = what you see is what you get
- ☺ YBS = you'll be sorry
- ☺ YG = young gentleman
- ☺ YL = young lady
- ☺ YM = young man