



Cell phone data usage on the rise

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If someone told you today was ADIP W00T TGIF, would you have any idea what they were saying (Another day in paradise, hooray thank God it's Friday)? It's text-savvy lingo. And it's more common than ever.



According to the CTIA, the [trade](#) association for cellular companies, for the first time, more people use their cell phones for data than they do for voice. That means they're sending more texts and emails and fewer phone calls.

It's quick, convenient and more popular than ever. But there are also some downsides. Ann Wagner says as a mom, texting is great to stay in touch with her kids. As a political campaign manager who works with young [volunteers](#), she sees another side. She says some of her volunteers can't communicate without their cell phones. They're hesitant, have a difficult time talking on the phone and writing correctly. Wagner says she had an intervention with some of her volunteers to stress the importance of verbal and written communication.

Some texters admit they've let their communication skills slide. Watch Kasey Joyce's story on the right of the screen to see what they have to say about it.

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