

P911: A guide to teens' online shorthand

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In a word: NALOPKT

From the time the first Stone Ager discovered to his great shock that his son was a stoner, teen-agers have been keeping things from their parents, often resorting to a language of their own. With the Internet, kids use acronyms and other shorthand to make sure their conversations in chat rooms and instant messages are indecipherable to adults, even if they're looking over the kid's shoulder.

To level the talking field, experts urge parents to learn Web lingo and acquaint themselves with their children's online realm to keep them safe, the Toronto Globe and Mail reports. Web specialist Erin Jansen has set up a dictionary of that new language at netlingo.com. Some examples, one more imaginative than the other:

POS: Parent over shoulder

PIR: Parent in room

P911: Parent alert

PAW: Parents are watching

PAL: Parents are listening

ASL: Age/Sex/Location

LMIRL: Let's meet in real life

KPC: Keeping parents clueless

TDTM: Talk dirty to me

IWSN: I want sex now

NIFOC: Nude in front of computer

WYCM?: Will you call me?

KFY: Kiss for you

NALOPKT: Not a lot of people know that