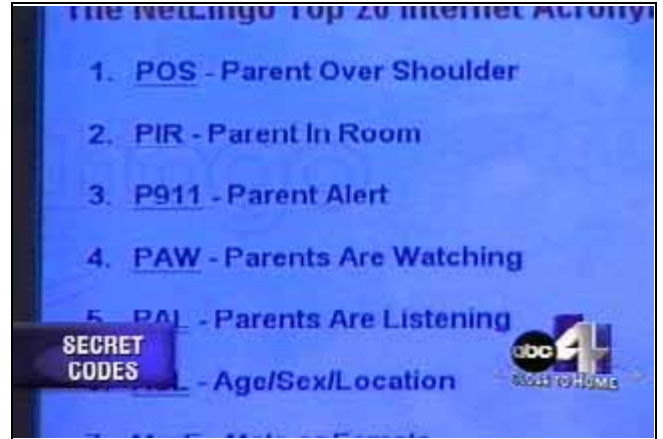




Internet Chat Acronyms designed to Keep Parents Clueless



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Do you know what KPC means? If you're clueless, there is a reason why; parents are supposed to be. That is the reason behind the acronym. KPC is short for keeping parents clueless, one of many acronyms used everyday during online chatting.

The Internet age has not only fueled the increase of online chatting sites, but a whole new lingo as well. Parents may not think twice about shorthand such as PAW or IWSN, but according to the web site netlingo.com, PAW, parents are watching, and IWSN, I want sex now, are just a couple examples of shortened phrases that kids are using to keep their parents out of the loop.

ABC 4 took a list of the several internet codes downtown to The Gateway to see what parents knew of the code language.

Trudy Frenchik has a 13 year-old son who's on the internet from time to time. "IWSN means 'I want sex now'? Ahhhh," Trudy Frenchik said, whose 13 year-old son is on the internet periodically. "I'm going to have to talk to him about that.

Parents can visit the web site www.netlingo.com for a list of the most commonly used internet acronyms.

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