Decoding Cyberslang

Your kid won’t stop instant messaging, and you want to know what she’s up to. But a glance at her computer reveals mostly acronyms. NetLingo.com can help you decode even the most cryptic conversations. This dictionary of online jargon is updated daily. Knowing the latest lingo can also help you protect your child: “Bullies and sexual predators use this language too,” says the site’s founder, Erin Jansen. Make sure your kid never gives out here “ASL” (age/sex/location), or asks a stranger to “MIRL” (meet in real life). –J.B.