



## Decoding Teen Text Talk

### Top 50 Text Acronyms Parents Should Know

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Do you know what 8 means in text slang? What about FOL or GNOC?

These codes for 'oral sex,' 'fond of leather' and 'get naked in front of camera' are deciphered on the website [NetLingo.com](http://NetLingo.com).

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Many people who see the list wind up howling with laughter, since many of the terms are completely unknown to most people, teenaged or otherwise.

At least one-cell phone expert agrees.

"I honestly have to say I have never seen most of these terms," says Sascha Segan of PC Magazine. "It looks like a lot of them come from online sex chat rooms, and not just any chat rooms, but sadomasochistic ones."

That explains the, um, very specific terms on the list, such as "NIFOC," or "Nude In Front Of The Computer," and "ILF/MD," which apparently means "I Love Female/Male Dominance."

"I don't know most of this stuff," says Jason Parks, a 21-year-old junior at Arizona State University. "My friends and I just looked at it, and we were cracking up."

The purpose of posting the codes, say the website's creators, is to keep parents in the loop.

"This is stuff that's being used all across the Internet, in instant messaging, in chat rooms, in text messaging," explains Erin Jansen, founder of NetLingo.com.

"There are spikes in the amount of usage for each acronym, and regional variations," she adds. "Something that's being used on the West Coast, for example, won't be in the East, and the South may use terms that aren't common in the Pacific Northwest. And the Midwest is just a hotbed of this sex chat-room stuff."

Jansen's not saying that every teenager is using each acronym, but she insists all of them are things parents should be aware of.

"It's a good overview of what parents ought to be aware of, even if their kids aren't going to these weird chat rooms, because kids pick them up anyway," Jansen explains "It's like when I was young and my friends and I looked up dirty words in the dictionary."

Segan isn't convinced that your middle-school-aged son or daughter will soon be fluent in bondage terminology.

"I'm sure someone has used each of the terms somewhere, sometime," says Segan. "But you're not going to get many teens texting each other that they love female/male dominance."

"I never heard of that one before," chimes in Parks. "Like, when would that come up?"

Some of the terms are accurate, Segan says -- chiefly the ones having to do with the presence of parents in the room, or "parent or mom over shoulder."

According to NetLingo.com, text language can be regional. For example, east coast terms may be foreign on the west coast. Cryptic messages used in the south are not the same as the Pacific northwest.

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