

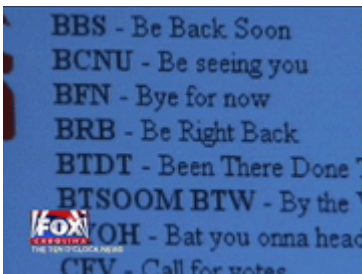


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Have you ever wondered what exactly your kids are talking about on the internet? Children and teenagers commonly use a secret language called "net lingo" and most parents may not even realize what their kids are saying.

Sounds of the Internet are music to many kids ears, they can also be a parent's worst nightmare. Sophomore Caroline Hughes says, "I could stay up and be on the computer as long as I could. As soon as I got home I would talk to my friends, stay up late, get in trouble for it."

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Caroline is just like any other teenager out there. She talks to her friends over instant messaging, using phrases such as LOL, meaning laugh out loud or POS, meaning parent over shoulder. The reason kids use it, well the answer is obvious.

Caroline says, "A lot of times parents wouldn't know what you were talking about...my mom used to come in and she'd ask what does that mean; oh nothing that doesn't mean anything." But, that's exactly what Greenville County Sheriff's Office Investigator Jim Perry says you need to watch out for.

Jim says, "The predators, a lot of them, teach the kids these things so the parent won't find out." Caroline says, "if someone said something you didn't know or a phrase you didn't know you'd ask them what does that mean and then you'd start using it too."

This is a list of internet lingo Jim gave to us that he uses as a cheat sheet. Phrases such as IPN that means I'm posting naked or LMIRL meaning let's meet in real life. These are the ones, parents, you need to look out for. Jim says, "It's basically parents taking charge and not letting the kids rule it."

There are a few ways you can try and protect your child. One is every instant messenger has a keylogger, but you physically have to turn it on yourself. Jim says, "Every key stroke it records it and nobody knows it's on then you can go back pull it up." The other thing is to make sure you keep an eye on your child.

Do not keep the computer in their bedroom, make sure it is in a common room, even if your child isn't using it on the computer there are other ways. Caroline says, "You use it on my Space, on IM, you use it when text on your phone, I mean you use it everywhere." And using it everywhere is exactly what your kids are doing. Internet lingo, do you know what your kids are talking about?

Check out [www.netlingo.com](http://www.netlingo.com) for the latest codes and "net lingo" your kids are probably using.