



How to Decode Slang Your Teen Uses Online

Internet Slang Translator Tools for Parents and Ways for Parents to Monitor Texts

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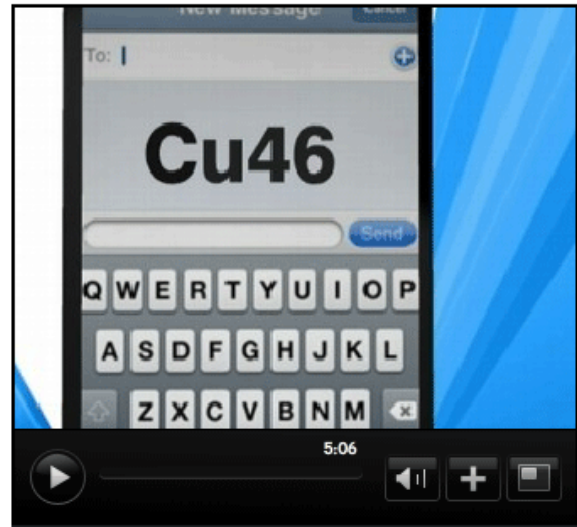
So, you've seen a bit of "webspeak" on your [kid's phone or computer](#), but don't know what it means? There are several websites that can help you decode the secret language [your teens might be using online](#). On these websites, you'll find acronym and phrase dictionaries, translators and tips on how to navigate the waters of learning internet slang.

Slang Decoding Tools:

▪**NetLingo:** <http://www.netlingo.com/>

▪**Noslang:** <http://www.noslang.com/>

▪**1337 Translator:** <http://www.1337talk.com/>



Watch the video here:

<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Parenting/web-speak-101-parents-decode-teen-internet-slang/story?id=11684997>

Even with these websites, nothing's more important than finding the time to communicate face-to-face with your teens about risky behaviors. You want to focus more on their judgment than on their text messaging.

And remember, you're not powerless when it comes to monitoring what your kids are doing on their phones and on the Internet. Your wireless provider most likely has parental controls that you can add to your phone plan. For example, many allow you to restrict certain numbers or set up times of day when your child cannot use his or her phone. And several other smaller companies are emerging to add to parental control options.



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