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Internet site can solve mysteries of online shorthand

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It's a dictionary of common Internet abbreviations.

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Today's teens are more connected than ever, online and on cell phones. Many have developed their own codes for communicating online that many parents haven't cracked yet.

Abbreviations like b/c -- for because -- make perfect sense to young computer users. Probably comes out as prob. W/e means whatever; lol means laugh out loud. A/S/L means age sex location. PAL stands for parents are listening. Gotta go comes out as gg. G2G is got to go. PAW means parents are watching. POS is short for parents over shoulder.

These abbreviations or codes are referred to as net lingo and, much like a foreign language, many parents are clueless to what it means. A good resource to learn the codes is netlingo.com. On the site, you'll find thousands of abbreviations converted to what they really mean. You'll even find commonly used words by Internet predators like LMIRL, which means let's meet in real life, or NIOFC for naked in front of computer.

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