



Texting makes you stupid!

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'Dewd BION I send TXT MSG in TFX TLITBC. TIGAS?'

For those of you who don't fritter away endless hours communicating in texting jargon, this translates to: 'Dude, believe it or not, I am sending a text message in traffic. That's life in the big city. Think I give a s#!+?'

Much of this crude communication - as found on netlingo.com - contains swear words, off-color sayings, and acronyms that would make Mike Tyson blush.

According to a recent Nielsen survey, American kids between the ages of 13 and 17 send and receive an average of 3,339 texts per month. Not surprisingly, teen girls in this study send and receive more than 4,100 texts per month.

Let's do the math on that. In a typical month, that means that your teenager is sending and receiving 111.3 texts per day, or 8.62 texts per hour (assuming 16 waking hours per day), or one text every seven minutes of every waking hour, seven days a week. If your progeny happens to be female, add about 20 percent to those numbers.

Wow! That's a lot of ...well, nothing.

And therein lies the problem. We are raising an entire generation of stupid kids. They are stupid because they have been swept up in a society that, due to social media, spends the majority of their day communicating with each other about...well, nothing. This activity has replaced reading. Thus, our kids' reading skills are deteriorating at an alarming rate. And reading, as we all know (from actually reading ourselves), is the key to learning - all learning.

If you take a typical American teenager today and place them three feet in front of the Mona Lisa, in the Louvre, in Paris, you will find them not actually looking at the Mona Lisa, or the Louvre, or Paris, but slouched over a 2.5-inch screen, oblivious to their surroundings, tapping away on a tiny keyboard to their friends, not about the most famous painting, in the most famous museum, in the most famous city in the world, but more likely something along the lines of 'lol, frnch grls bion haf hry pitsL.'

After a couple years of these grunting, troglodyte-like, mini-keyboard exchanges, the typical texter's communication skills bear a striking resemblance to a debate on cosmic galaxial cohesion between Snooki and Amy Winehouse (RIP).

We've all seen the clips of zombie-like texters - oblivious to their surroundings - walking into light poles, traffic, glass doors and, in one memorable clip that went viral, a young texting woman stumbles head-over-heels into a mall fountain. GHS (God help us), these are the leaders of tomorrow. Our 2032 election debates will be indistinguishable from the Q&A at a Miss America pageant.

And each year the average age of a cell-phone user goes down. It won't be long before baby's highly anticipated first word will be texted, not spoken.

Yikes, TOBAL (there oughta be a law). As posted by the King.

As seen here: http://www.tctimes.com/columnists/if_i_were_king/texting-makes-you-stupid/article_0df7f65c-ed05-11e0-aec9-001cc4c002e0.html