



What Acronyms Are Your Kids Using?

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It may be an old list, but it doesn't change the fact that parents want to decipher what it is their kids are reading and how they're communicating online.

[A list of 50 acronyms parents should know](#) was originally published by NetLingo several years ago, but is now being circulated online. Phrases like "LOL" and "BRB" might be well-known, but do you know what "8" means? How about "FMLTWIA"?

Many people acknowledge that they've never heard of some of the terms. "I honestly have to say I have never seen most of these terms," [Sascha Segan of PC Magazine told Fox News](#). "It looks like a lot of them come from online sex chat rooms, and not just any chat rooms, but sadomasochistic ones."

Erin Jansen, founder of [NetLingo](#), acknowledges that not all of the terms on the list are used by everyone; some are very regional in nature. But she argues these are still the kinds of things parents should be informed 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 told Fox. "It's like when I was young and my friends and I looked up dirty words in the dictionary."

But concern about kids' online safety is still on many parents' minds. NetLingo reports that 95 percent of parents don't recognize the lingo kids use to let people know their parents are watching and 89 percent of sexual solicitations are made either in chat rooms or instant messages.

Click here for the [Top 50 Internet Acronyms Every Parent Should Know](#) on [NetLingo.com](#)!