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computer shorthand

If it's been a while since you last spoke a secret language, then chances are, the ever multiplying acronyms popping up in e-mails, instant messages, and text messages seem like dispatches from Mars. Navigating Net-speak or texting with a teenager can make the average person feel UCWAP (up a creek without a paddle). **To translate a specific phrase, go to www.netlingo.com**, which has a dictionary of more than 5,000 terms, updated daily. Meanwhile, start improving your cyber-vocabulary with this list of common abbreviations. CWYL!

BRB: Be Right Back

CWYL: Chat With You Later

CYT or **SYT:** See You Tomorrow

GR8: Great

ILU: I Love You

IMHO: In My Humble Opinion

J/C: Just Checking

JTOU: Just Thinking Of You

LMK: Let Me Know

N-A-Y-L: In A While

NM: Never Mind

NOYB: None Of Your Business

ROFL: Rolling On the Floor Laughing

WTH: What The Heck