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### **Get the msg?**

The other night I told Sara that she was doing all the *afking* during an instant messaging chat.

This led to a whole discussion about a language that is undeniably growing more prominent in today’s world: Internet lingo. Yet, there remain a ridiculous abundance of people who are behind the times...including Sara.

I mean, *wth*. Were these *ppl* born yesterday?! So what if this is all new to them? Those who can’t adapt may not survive this technocentric world. Keep up with times, folks...

Seriously...this is the age of the Internet lingo, *FYI*. Full words and sentences are outdated; they’re things of the past and they are so not *kewl* anymore.

Let’s face it, Internet lingo isn’t going anywhere. New vocabulary is being added everyday. How can *ne1* expect to survive the rise of technology if he or she can’t keep up with this clever and extremely simple lingo?

Like *omg*...is it that difficult to use acronyms that can stand for any number of things...or to cut out practically all the letters that constitutes a word and makes it distinct from another? Is it that hard to comprehend what each word of the Internet lingo obviously means during a chat?

It is evident in itself that when I type *wan2tlk*, I mean, “want to talk?” Who doesn’t understand that *wrud* is simply asking, “what are you doing?” or that *asl* demands only the basic *411*?

Also, it is common IM courtesy to let the other person know if *ur* busy or if you’ll *brb*. We shouldn’t be blamed if they feel we’ve ignored them when we’ve already told them we’d *bb* or that we *gtg*.

It is also important to illustrate to the other person your mood or your reaction to his or her comment, which can easily be done using Internet lingo. Whether it is *lol*, *jp*, or *wtf*, one person can effortlessly read the reactions of another. See how the simplicity of these few letters communicates meaning as well as mood? It doesn’t get any easier than this!

If *every1* were able to understand each other in this way, life would be so much better...*fosho*...No need for complexity. No need for explanations. You understand what the other person is saying and what he means by it.

Exchanging messages in this way is obviously faster and easier. I feel *sry* for those individuals who are forced to spell out every single word, write complete sentences, and use punctuation *bc* they are not smart enough to grasp the Internet lingo.

*\*sigh\**

And then when we try to hold serious *convos* with them, they require an elaborate explanation for every part of the Internet lingo, making things more complicated than they should be.

Gosh...these *ppl* are just preposterous! They make me so *arrggh!!*

*SMHID*

All the trouble we go *thru* to keep them in the loop. And then they criticize us for not using “proper” English. They blame the miscommunication on us...for using lingo which they can’t understand. *Geez!!*

*BM&Y*, if these *ppl* don’t get *crackin* soon, they’d *prolly* be better off dead. Otherwise, they’ll only live miserable lives doing, writing, and maybe even speaking more than they have to.

*Foreals...sup w/ tat?!!*

Oh well. *Gtg. Ttyl.*

*L8r.*