

English Vocabulary – Text Messaging

1. Single words

to/too	for	be	see	oh/owe	are	you	why
2	4	B	C	O	R	U	Y
tomorrow	tonight	today	great	wait	later	ur	U R
2moro	2nite	2day	GR8	W8	L8R	your	you are

Examples:

- How RU?
- RUOK?
- OIC
- CU L8R
- OK 4U?
- CU 2moro
- UR GR8

2. Abbreviations

121	One to One	IRL	In Real Life
AEAP	As Early as Possible	IOU	I owe you
ASAP	As Soon as Possible	JK	Just Kidding
B3	Blah, Blah, Blah	LOL	Laughing Out Loud / Lots Of Laughs
BFF	Best Friends Forever	MYOB	Mind Your Own Business
BM&Y	Between Me and You	NC	No Comment
BRB	Be Right Back	NM	Never Mind
BRT	Be Right There	NMP	Not My Problem
BTAM	Be That As it May	NP	No Problem
BTW	By The Way	OATUS	On a Totally Unrelated Subject
BYO	Bring Your Own	OMG	Oh, My God!
CTN	Can't Talk Now	OMW	On My Way
CU	See You	OTP	On the Phone
EOD	End Of the Day	RN	Right Now
EOM	End Of the Month	SEP	Someone Else's Problem
EOY	End Of the Year	SITD	Still in the Dark
F2F	Face to Face	SLAP	Sounds like a Plan
FAO	For the Attention Of	SMH	Shaking My Head
FC	Fingers Crossed	SOB	Son of a Bitch
FOAF	Friend of a Friend	TBH	To be Honest
FYI	For Your Information	TMI	Too Much Information
IDC	In Due Course	TY/Tks/Thx	Thank You
IDK	I Don't Know	WB	Welcome Back
ILU	I Love You	WYCM?	Will You Call Me?
IMO	In My Opinion	WYWH	Wish You Were Here
IMU	I Miss You	XOXO	Kisses and hugs

Suggested video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tx0wvp1hVrg> (20 mins)

Some examples in business:

- Please send me the report ASAP.
- BTW, can you send the report to me by email?
- I need the report by EOD.
- I need the report by EOM.
- I need the report by EOY.
- I will send the report to you IDC.
- I would like to speak to you about the report F2F.
- FYI, the meeting has been delayed until 4pm.
- A: When will the report be ready? B: IDK, maybe tomorrow.
- IMO, the results of the report are better than expected.
- A: TBH, we shouldn't publish the results until they are fully analyzed. B: OK, NP.

Exercise 1: Match the text message with correct English:

<u>Text Message</u>	<u>English</u>
1. l8r	a. you
2. u	b. before
3. c	c. mate
4. 2	d. later
5. xx	e. your
6. lol	f. are you
7. ur	g. kiss kiss
8. m8	h. see
9. b4	i. laughing out loud
10. r u	j. too

Exercise 2: Write the following using correct English:

1. c u l8r _____
2. ill be there b4 10 _____
3. you forgot ur coat _____
4. where r u? _____
5. im w8ing 4 u outside _____
6. c u there _____
7. can u pick me up at 9? _____
9. call me ASAP _____
10. wot r u doing 2day m8? _____