Netspeak (Online Slang)

Chat

Chat allows you to type messages to other people in real time. Your typed messages take the place of speaking them. This activity usually happens in a chat room or instant messenger program. If you're chatting, you might need this decoder to common acronyms:

Larger Glossary available at: http://www.webopedia.com/ /

AFAIK	As Far As I Know
AIUI	As I Understand It
BTDT	Been There. Done That.
BTW	By The Way
FWTW	For What It's Worth
HAND	Have A Nice Day
HTH	Hope This Helps/Happy To Help
IDK	I Don't Know
IIRC	If I Recall Correctly
IMHO	In My Humble/Honest Opinion
IOW	In Other Words
ISTR	I Seem To Recall
ITYM	I Think You Mean
LOL	Laughing Out Loud
OTOH	On The Other Hand
ROTFL	Rolling On The Floor, Laughing
TIA	Thanks In Advance
TTBOMK	To The Best Of My Knowledge
ASL(R P)	Age Sex Location (Race / Picture)
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BRB	Be Right Back
CD9	Code 9 - means parents are around
GTG	Got to Go
(L)MIRL	(Lets) meet in real life
LOL	Laugh Out Loud
MorF	Male or Female
MOS	Mom Over Shoulder
Noob	Newbie - often an insult to somebody who doesn't know much about something.
NMU	Not much, you?
P911	Parent Emergency
PAW	Parents are Watching
PIR	Parent In Room
POS	Parent Over Shoulder
PRW	Parents Are Watching
S2R	Send To Receive (pictures)
Warez	Pirated Software
W/E	Whatever
TTFN	Ta Ta For Now

Emoticons

Those sideways faces help you combine what you're feeling (your emotions) with a clever icon. These symbols are commonly used in chat rooms and in email. Here's a list of popular ones:

:-)	Your basic smiley	:)	Midget smiley
;-)	Winking smiley	=)	Variation on a theme…
:-(	Frowning smiley	:)	Happy
:-I	Indifferent smiley	:D	Laughter
8-)	User is wearing sunglasses	:(	Sad
::-)	User wears normal glasses	:[	Real Downer
:'-(	User is crying	:-P	I'm sticking my tongue out at you
:-&	User is tongue-tied	:-/	Smirk (used for wry humor)
0:-)	User is an angel (at heart, at least)	>:-(	Angry
:-D	User is laughing (at you!)	>:-@	Extremely Angry
:-o	Uh oh!	>:-)	Devilish Grin
:-9	User is licking his/her lips	>;-)	Devilish Wink
:-0	Yelling!	¦-|	Sleepy or Sleeping
¦-O	Yawning or Bored	%-)	Confused or Cross Eyed