

Online Slang Terms and Acronyms

PARENTS have been given a helping hand to spot the telltale signs of online grooming and abuse. Nottinghamshire Police has issued a list of secret slang terms and acronyms which teens regularly use to communicate online. They include warning flags such as CU46, meaning 'see you for sex', LMIRL which stands for 'let's meet in real life' and NIFOC, meaning 'naked in front of a computer'.

The list of 200 phrases has been published as part of Safer Internet Day which took place earlier this month. The force is warning mum and dads to familiarize themselves with the phrases which could also flag up issues surrounding mental health, sex, and drug usage. Hashtags which are deemed cause for concern include #ana for, anorexia #deb for depression and #sue for suicide.

A Nottinghamshire Police spokesperson said: 'It can sometimes seem like teenagers are speaking a different language and, while it's tempting to try and keep them from interacting online, the reality is that it's as much a part of their life as eating their dinner or brushing their teeth.

'Instead, you should make sure you're aware of the risks of some of the main social networking sites and have the relevant conversations with your children.'

Children's charity NSPCC is also urging parents to keep up with the latest slang and hashtags to help keep their youngsters safe. An NSPCC spokesman said: 'One of the best ways for parents to keep their children safe online and spot risks is to open up conversations about their online lives.

'It is important for parents to keep up-to-date with the type of content, features and risks, as well as know the minimum age of the sites and games their children are using.' 'This is not supposed to terrify you or your children, but it is important that you familiarize yourself with online safety.'

Full list

Warning flags

#ana	anorexia
#deb	depression
#sue	suicide
#svv	self-harming behaviour
#thinsp	thinspiration (photos or messages that inspire an effort to become thin)
9	a parent is watching
420	marijuana
ASL	age, sex, location
CD9	parents are around
Crow	cannabis
CU46	see you for sex
Daddy	can mean a partner who takes good care of you affectionately or someone with great influence and power over you
Down in the DM	short for plans in their social media or texts for an upcoming sexual hook-up
F2F or FTF	face to face
FWB	friends with benefits
FYEO	for your eyes only
GNOC	get naked on camera
Hooking up	having sex
IRL	in real life
IWSN	I want sex now
Let's go private	leave the public chatroom and create a private chat or move to instant-messaging/texting
LMIRL	let's meet in real life
KPC	keep parents clueless
Merked	really drunk or beaten up or getting found out or getting told off
MIRL	meeting in real life
Molly	ecstasy/MDMA (unless they really do have a friend called Molly! Context is everything)
MOOS	member of the opposite sex
MOS	mum over shoulder
Moving to (someone)	approaching, either aggressively or romantically
Netflix 'n Chill	to meet under the pretence of watching Netflix/TV together when actually planning to meet for 'making out' or sex
NIFOC	naked in front of computer
NSFL	not safe for life
NSFW	not safe for work
P911 or P999	parents are watching
POS	parents over shoulder
Pre-ing	pre-drinking
RU/18	are you over 18?
Sket	insulting term used towards girls
Smash	to have casual sex
Swipe right	term of approval derived from dating app Tinder
Thirsty	being desperate for something
Trolling	fooling someone often used when people are commenting nasty abuse online

Wavey	drunk or high
Wired	drug induced paranoia
WYRN	what's your real name?
Zerg	to gang up on someone

Terms to keep an eye on

4eae	for ever and ever
AND	any day now
AF	as f**k
Aired	ignoring someone
Are you parring me?	are you showing me disrespect?
B	babe (can be just a friend)
Bae	short for 'baby' and used as a term of endearment for a significant other such as a boyfriend or girlfriend. Short for 'before anyone else'
Basic	lacking originality
Begfriend	someone who sucks up to someone else
BFN	bye for now
BOL	be on later
Bookie	weird or disgusting
Booted	left behind or dumped
Butters	ugly person
Bye Felicia	dismissive term when you want an annoying person to go away
Curve	to reject someone romantically
Dime	someone who is extremely good looking
DM	direct message
Ghost	ghosting someone is to completely ignore someone suddenly, usually as a nasty way of breaking up with someone
GLHF	good luck, have fun
HT or H/T	heard through
HAK	hugs and kisses
IANAL	I am not a lawyer
ILY or ILU	I love you
IU2U	it's up to you
IYKWIM	if you know what I mean
J4F	just for fun
JIC	just in case
J/K	just kidding
Kicked	left behind
Low key	a warning that what they're saying isn't something they want everyone to know
NAGI	not a good idea
OH	overheard
PAP	post a picture
Peng or tidy	really attractive
Preeing	looking at someone online (also known as 'Facebook stalking')
PTB	please text back
QQ	crying
RL	real life
Salty	to be bitter about something or someone
Ship	relationship or to admire a couple (such as 'I ship them')
Sip tea	to mind your own business
Skurt	go away or leave

Slept	to knock someone out
Slipping	messing up
Stacked	built, really muscly, toned
Swag	confidence or fancy clothes/jewellery
SWAK	sealed with a kiss
SWYP	so what's your problem?
TBR	to be rude
Throw shade	to give someone a nasty look or say something unpleasant about them
TIME	tears in my eyes
TMB	tweet me back
VSF	very sad face
WTH or WTF	what the heck?
WTPA	where's the party at?
WYCM	will you call me?
WYSIWYG	what you see is what you get
YGM	you've got mail
YOLO	you only live once

Fun

:3	a symbol designed to represent a cat face, to be used after saying something cute, odd or coy
2day	today
Acc	actually
AFAIK	as far as I know
AFK	away from keyboard
ATM	at the moment
B4	before
Baffed	confused
Banter	fun chat
Bare or bear	'really really'
B/C	because
BF or GF	boyfriend or girlfriend
Blates	obviously
Blessed	nice person
Boots	a way to say 'very' or 'a lot' it's used after the verb or adjective
BRB	be right back
Bromance	close friendship between two boys
Bruh	a casual nickname for 'bro'
BTW	by the way
Buck me	give me
Buff	attractive
Can't even	an expression of exasperation
CBA	can't be bothered
Cray	crazy
Cuz	friend
Dench	fantastic/cool
Dope	really cool/awesome
DWBH	don't worry be happy
Fail	something goes wrong
Fam	their closest friends
FB	Facebook
Feels	feelings

FF	Follow Friday
Fierce	looking amazing/incredible
FOMO	fear of missing out
FTL	for the loss
FTW	for the win
FWIW	for what it's worth
FYI	for your information
G	a friend (boy to boy)
Gassed	happy
GOAT	greatest of all time
GR8	great
GTG	got to go
Gucci	something is good or cool
HAND	have a nice day
Hella	really
HTH	hope this helps or happy to help
Hundo P	100% sure/certain
IDEK	I don't even know
IDK	I don't know
IIRC	if I remember correctly
IK	I know
IKR	I know right?
Ill	fantastic or cool
IMHO	in my honest opinion
IMO	in my opinion
Is everything	great/important
It's lit	it's cool/awesome
I'm weak	that was funny
Jarring	annoying
Jokes	really funny
JSYK	just so you know
K or KK	okay
Legend	someone or something considered very cool
LMAO or LMBO	laughing my butt off
LMK	let me know
Lol	laugh out loud
MM	Music Monday
MSM	mainstream media
NM	never mind
NMU	not much, you?
NP	no problem or now playing
NTS	note to self
Obvi	obviously
OMG	oh my God
On fleek	on point or executed really well
ORLY	oh really?
OTP	the fictional couple you think were meant to be together
Peak	unfortunate
Pls or plz	please
PPL	people
RAK	random act of kindness
ROFL	rolling on the floor laughing
RT	retweet

RUOK	are you okay?
Skl	school
Safe	reliable or good person
SSDD	same stuff, different day
Savage	cool
Sick	fantastic/cool
Slay	doing really well
Squad	their friend group
SMH	shaking my head
Snatched	same as 'on fleek'
SRSLY	seriously
Straight fire	something is hot or trendy
Swear	are you serious?
TBH	to be honest
TIA	thanks in advance
TMI	too much information
TMRW	tomorrow
To be down/pumped for	something excited to do something
Truss	I agree
TTYL	talk to you later
Turnt/turnt up	same as 'lit'
TY or TU	thank you
Ur	your/you're
V	very
YAS	enthusiastic version of yes
You da real MVP	thanks for doing a mundane but important task
YW	you're welcome
Wag1 or wagwan	what's up?
WB	welcome back
Woke	highly aware of social issues
ZOMG	oh my God