



FINGERED SPEECH

a new abbreviated language



FOMO

FEAR OF MISSING OUT

Mostly, the ubiquitous FOMO shoots straight out from the sprawling den of social media. Typically, content related to trips, parties, events, and food evokes FOMO in people. Marketeers, reckoning millennials' FOMO-driven reactionary purchases, are merrily tapping it to their advantage.

JANUARY 2022

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GISSA

GIVE US

Also used as Gizza, GISSA predates the internet era. This colloquial abbreviation originated as a plea for employment. It truncates the British-English phrase—Gissajob—'give us (i.e., me) a job'.



FEBRUARY 2022

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TBH

TO BE HONEST

Just ask them about texting, and text maniacs would make earnest proclamations about its virtues: 'TBH, texting is incredible and far more expressive and speech-like!' The acronym TBH is synonymous with 'frankly' and 'with respect'.

MARCH 2022

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TTYL



TALK TO YOU LATER

TTYL saw its emergence on the instant messenger platforms; now freely adopted at the end of text conversations. There's even a book titled, "TTYL", written by Lauren Myracle. It chronicles in "instantmessage" format the day-to-day experiences, feelings, and plans of three teenagers.

APRIL 2022

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IN MY OPINION

Defenders of textspeak will wax eloquent: 'IMO, texting is remarkable coz it's done exclusively in metaphors, implications & nobody ever says anything outright and yet EVERYBODY understands each other perfectly.' Yet, treat MO with a pinch of salt! Opinions generally are taken off-the-peg from Twitter ;);!

MAY 2022

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TOO LONG; DIDN'T READ

An appropriate response to a wall of text! One of the few online abbreviations that both looks good (courtesy, the semicolon) and sounds good to the ear. We've kept calendar text short, lest we hear you exclaim TL;DR ;) :-D !!

JUNE 2022

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SWALK

SEALED WITH A LOVING KISS

Oozing with romance, SWALK ought to find its recipient blushing. It seemingly originated during World War II to convey messages between servicemen and their sweethearts back home. Usually, lovers inscribed it on the back of an envelope <3 <3 <3



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BFF!

BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

Friends 'till the end!' It's a title of endearment bestowed upon selected close friends. It's been in use since at least 1996, although the concept of having a "best friend" predates the phrase.

AUGUST 2022

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JK!

JUST KIDDING

‘Txtng is killing language. JK!’ It is typically used at the end of a provocative sentence. The intent is to render the statement void, declaring the words were expressed in zest. As a standalone sentence, JK compresses ‘I am only joking’.

SEPTEMBER 2022

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LMAO

LAUGHING MY ASS OFF

A mega- LOL, the daddy of all online acronyms. People are now saying LOL and LMAO out aloud. That makes things complicated though! Wonder how one can simultaneously say them and laugh aloud! LMAO

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TBT

THROWBACK THURSDAY

Stuff tagged with TBT takes you down the memory lane. People use it when sharing old photos and videos to evoke nostalgia. #TBT implies the user's attempt to call back the recipients to an event or moment in the past.

NOVEMBER 2022

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BE RIGHT BACK

*It's the last month of 2022.
Celebrate endings, for they precede new beginnings!!
We'll BRB, welcoming 2023 with u!*

DECEMBER 2022

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