

Box 2.1 Common Chat/Text Acronyms

AFAIK	As far as I know
AFK	Away from keyboard
A/S/L?	Age/sex/location?
BBIAB	Be back in a bit
BF	Boyfriend
BRB	Be right back
BTW	By the way
CU	See you
CYA	See ya; cover your ass
DWB	Don't write back
F2F	Face to face
FUBAR	F***ed up beyond all repair or recognition
FWIW	For what its' worth
FYI	For you information
GF	Girlfriend
IMHO	In my humble/honest opinion
JK	Just kidding
L8R	Later
LMAO	Laughing my ass off
LOL	Laughing out loud
M/F	Male or female
NIFOC	Naked in front of computer
NP	No problem
OMG	Oh my God
PAW	Parents are watching
PIR	Parents in room
POS	Parents over shoulder; Piece of sh**
ROTFL	Rolling on the floor laughing
RTFM	Read the f***ing manual
SNAFU	Situation normal, all f***ed up
TAFN	That's all for now
TMI	Too much information
TTYL	Talk to you later
WB	Welcome back
WTGP?	Want to go private? (into a private chat)
WTF	What the f***?
WUF?	Where are you from?
YBS	You'll be sorry



Internet Use Contract

Child Expectations

I understand that using the family computer is a privilege that is subject to the following rules:

1. I will respect the privacy of others who use this computer. I will not open, move, or delete files that are not in my personal directory.
2. I understand that Mom and Dad may access and look at my files at any time.
3. I will not download anything or install programs without first asking Mom or Dad.
4. I will never give out private information while online. At no time will I ever give out my last name, phone number, address, or school name—even if I know the person with whom I am communicating. My screen name will be: _____.
5. I understand that I can use the computer for approved purposes only.
6. I will never write or post anything online that I would not want Mom or Dad to see. I will not use profanity or otherwise offensive language. If I receive messages or view content with offensive language, I will report it to Mom or Dad immediately.
7. I will never agree to meet an online friend in person without first asking Mom or Dad. Dangerous people may try to trick me into meeting up with them.
8. If I ever feel uncomfortable about an experience online, I will immediately tell mom or dad. I understand that Mom and Dad are willing to help me and will not punish me as long as these rules are followed.

Parent Expectations

I understand that it is my responsibility to protect my family and to help them receive the best of what the Internet has to offer. In that spirit, I agree to the following:

1. I will listen calmly. If my child comes to me with a problem related to online experiences, I promise not to get angry but to do my best to help my child resolve the situation.
2. I will be reasonable. I will set reasonable rules and expectations for Internet usage. I will establish reasonable consequences for lapses in judgment on the part of my child.
3. I will treat my child with dignity. I will respect the friendships that my child may make online as I would offline friends.
4. I will not unnecessarily invade my child's privacy. I promise not to go further than necessary to ensure my child's safety. I will not read diaries or journals, nor will I inspect e-mails or computer files unless there is a serious concern.
5. I will not take drastic measures. No matter what happens, I understand that the Internet is an important tool that is essential to my child's success in school or business, and I promise not to ban it entirely.
6. I will be involved. I will spend time with my child and be a positive part of my child's online activities and relationships—just as I am offline.

List of prohibited Web sites and software applications:

Signed: _____