

Teen Translation Tool

To help you, we've broken our comprehensive list down into three areas:

- 1. Warning flags** - phrases which imply they are involved in some activities which would be cause for concern.
- 2. Terms to keep an eye on** - they might be slightly concerning but, in context, they're generally harmless.
- 3. Fun** - these are terms which are just slang or abbreviations with no concerning connotations.

Remember, not everyone will use the same slang, but this should prompt you to take a moment to understand what your teen is talking about online and, if anything causes you concern, ask them about it.

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
- 'I know a way you can earn money fast' - a possible way of asking for photos/webcam access or a way to get information to blackmail a young person
- 'I know someone who can get you a modelling job' - a possible way of asking for photos and flattering the young person
- 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
- 'Where's your computer in your house?' - possibly a way of checking to see if parents might be around
- 'Who/What's your favourite band/designer/film/gear?' - possibly a way of trying to get to know more so that they can offer gifts
- Wired - drug induced paranoia
- WYRN - what's your real name?
- 'You are the love of my life' - possibly a way of flattering a young person and creating an emotional bond with them
- 'You seem sad. Tell me what's bothering you' - possibly a way of expressing sympathy and inviting them to share personal information
- 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 know 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