

1. Text and email language - KEY

This week's lesson looks at the language of text messages and emails, in particular the popular abbreviations that constitute 'text speak'.

How to use the lesson

1. Ask the students how the language they use in text messages and emails differs from their writing in other contexts. Do they know any of the popular text abbreviations in English?
2. Divide the students into pairs, then hand out the Worksheet. Give them a few minutes to do Exercise 1, in which they have to try to work out the meaning of the different examples of text speak.
3. Check answers in open class.

Answers: 1. before 2. see you later 3. no problem 4. thinking of you
5. are you free to talk? 6. waiting for you 7. thanks 8. can't wait to see you
9. easy
10. bye for now 11. at the moment 12. or 13. please 14. laughing out loud
15. let me know 16. got to go