

## More Chat/ Text Acronyms Parents Need to Know

Similar acronyms that are sometimes used in place of **PWOMS** include **POS** or **POTS** (*Parent Over the Shoulder*), **PLOS** (*Parents Looking Over Shoulder*), **PAW** or **P@W** (*Parents Are Watching*), **PAL** (*Parents Are Listening*), **PBM** (*Parent Behind Me*) and **PBB** (*Parent Behind Back*). Occasionally, numbers or codes like 9, 99, **Code 9** or **P911** (Parent Alert) are used to communicate similar messages.

**PWOMS** and **POS** are also sometimes followed by the words "on" or "off" to indicate when a parent has entered the room or left the room and can no longer watch over the person's shoulder. Another related acronym is **POF**, which stands for *Parents on Facebook*.



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## A field guide to text terms and abbreviations



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<b>These terms are amongst the most popular:</b>		<b>HAK</b>	Hugs and kisses
<b>4EAE</b>	For ever and ever	<b>HAND</b>	Have a nice day
<b>ADN</b>	Any day now	<b>HTH</b>	Hope this helps / Happy to help
<b>AFAIK</b>	As far as I know	<b>HT or H/T</b>	
<b>AFK</b>	Away from keyboard	Hat tip or heard through (referencing news or an informative link)	
<b>ATM</b>	At the moment	<b>IANAL</b>	I am not a lawyer
<b>B/C</b>	Because	<b>IDK</b>	I don't know
<b>B4</b>	Before	<b>IIRC</b>	If I remember correctly
<b>BF or GF</b>	Boyfriend / Girlfriend	<b>IKR</b>	I know, right?
<b>BFN</b>	Bye for now	<b>ILY/143</b>	I love you
<b>BOL</b>	Be on later	<b>IMHO</b>	In my honest opinion
<b>BRB</b>	Be right back	<b>IMO</b>	In my opinion
<b>BTW</b>	By the way	<b>IRL</b>	In real life
<b>DM</b>	Direct message	<b>IU2U</b>	It's up to you
<b>DWBH</b>	Don't worry, be happy	<b>IYKWIM</b>	If you know what I mean
<b>F2F or FTF</b>	Face to face	<b>J/K</b>	Just kidding
<b>FB</b>	Facebook	<b>J4F</b>	Just for fun
<b>FF</b> -Follow Friday (Follow Friday is a recurring topic on Twitter. Each week, users post lists of people that they think others should following the #FF or #FollowFriday hashtag.)		<b>JIC</b>	Just in case
		<b>JSYK</b>	Just so you know
		<b>K or KK</b>	Okay
		<b>LMBO</b>	Laughing my butt off
<b>FTL</b>	For the loss / For the lose	<b>LMK</b>	Let me know
<b>FTW</b>	For the win	<b>LOL</b>	Laughing out loud
<b>FWB</b>	Friends with benefits	<b>MSM</b>	Mainstream media
<b>FWIW</b>	For what it's worth	<b>MM</b> Music Monday. A recurring Twitter topic. Users post a song or two that will get your week off to a better start.	
<b>FYEO</b>	For your eyes only		
<b>FYI</b>	For your information	<b>NAGI</b>	Not a good idea
<b>GLHF</b>	Good luck, have fun	<b>NM</b>	Never mind
<b>GR8</b>	Great	<b>NMU</b>	Not much, you?

<b>NP</b> - No problem or Now playing (as in "My MP3 stream is now playing LMFAO's Party Rock.")		<b>RUOK</b> Are you okay? In Australia, #RUOK is a regularly trending topic, following a government initiative called RUOK Day, which raises awareness of mental health issues on social networking sites.	
<b>NSFW</b> - Not safe for work. If this is attached to a link, you're strongly advised not to check it out while in the workplace or any other venue where inappropriate content would be, well, inappropriate.		<b>SMH</b>	SMH Shaking my head
		<b>SRSLY</b>	SRSLY Seriously
<b>NSFL</b> - Not safe for life. Usually a humorous disclaimer that something formerly innocent is going to be		<b>SSDD</b>	SSDD Same stuff, different day
		<b>SWAK</b>	SWAK Sealed with a kiss
<b>NTS</b>	Note to self	<b>SWYP</b>	SWYP So, what's your problem?
<b>OH</b>	Overheard	<b>TIA</b>	TIA Thanks in advance
<b>OMG</b>	Oh my God	<b>TIME</b>	TIME Tears in my eyes
<b>ORLY</b>	Oh, really?	<b>TMB</b>	TMB Tweet me back
<b>PAW</b>	Parents are watching	<b>TMI</b>	TMI Too much information
<b>PLS or PLZ</b>	Please	<b>TMRW</b>	TMRW Tomorrow
<b>PPL</b>	People	<b>TTYL</b>	TTYL Talk to you later
<b>PTB</b>	Please text back	<b>TY or TU</b>	TY or TU Thank you
<b>QQ</b> - Crying. Rather than an abbreviation, this is an emoticon, a picture created in text. The tails of the capital Q form tears, while the circles are the eyes. Saying "QQ" aloud also can mimic the "boo hoo" of someone who's upset. Usually used sarcastically or contemptuously.		<b>VSF</b>	VSF Very sad face
		<b>WB</b>	WB Welcome back
		<b>WTH</b>	WTH What the heck?
		<b>WTPA</b>	WTPA Where the party at?
<b>RAK</b>	Random act of kindness	<b>WYCM</b>	WYCM Will you call me?
<b>RL</b>	Real life	<b>YMMV</b>	Your mileage may vary
<b>ROFL</b>	Rolling on the floor laughing	<b>YGM</b> You've got mail (to alert your texting partner that you've contacted them via that staid old email thing. That's sooo 2001!)	
<b>RT</b> - Retweet. Similar to forwarding an email, Twitter lets you echo other people's tweets for your own followers to read. In some cases, folks will ask for something they've said to be amplified by saying "Please RT" or "PLS RT."		<b>YW</b>	You're welcome
		<b>ZOMG</b>	Oh my God (sarcastic)