



British Slang

And text language

Text Language

British text language is the term to describe English abbreviations and slang used in texting and instant messaging.

It emerged in order to write texts quicker and more easily.

In fact it has caused concern among some people because it has been a factor in reduced literacy levels.

Popular British text Abbreviations and Acronyms

YOLO

2nite/ 2moro

ROFL

XOXOXO

Acronyms Quiz

Choose the right translation



1. ASAP

1. BTW

1. LOL

1. FYI

1. IDC

1. OMG

1. BRB

1. GTG

1. JK

1. ILY

A. *As soon as possible/ As soon as probable*

A. *Be there when/ By the way*

A. *Lots of love/Laughing out loud*

A. *For your information/ For your impression*

A. *I didn't cry/ I don't care*

A. *Oh my gosh/ Oh my god*

A. *Be right back/ Big red button*

A. *Good to get-together/ Got to go*

A. *Just know/ Just kidding*

A. *I love you/ I'm listening to you*

Single letter or digit replacement

Task:

Translate this conversation into correct English.

Conversation A

1. *RU cmin out 2nite?*
2. *Yeah luv 2 m8, wot time?*
3. *bout 8ish. mt u in twn*
4. *Gr8 CU then*

Conversation B

Person A) Hey m8, how r u?

Person B) Gr8 thx BFF

A) U 3 2moro?

B) Mayb

A) GTG, but B4N

B) ILY

A) Thinking '(WTF?)'

The idea of text language seems cool!!

However for most people find this highly annoying.



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British Slang: Face to face communication

The British love their slang. It gives them a feeling of patriotism and fellowship

Knowledge of British slang is both useful and helpful.

If you use slang terms, British people will find it charming and amusing.

Even if you don't use it, it helps to know what the words mean as people use it in everyday conversation.



Common English slang words

- A.** Mug
- B.** Bloody
- C.** Haggle
- D.** Dodgy
- E.** Mate
- F.** Lad
- G.** Fancy
- H.** Knackered/
shattered
- I.** Not my cup of tea
- J.** Cheers
- K.** Tosh
- L.** Not fussed
- M.** Skiving

- 1.** Damn but also it can mean very
 - 2.** a word for face but also an idiot
 - 3.** something unreliable or illegal
 - 4.** Another word for friend
 - 5.** Very tired
 - 6.** To express that you something is not to
your liking
 - 7.** A toast and another word for thank
you
 - 8.** I don't mind
 - 9.** Negotiate
 - 10.** Nonsense
 - 11.** Scottish word for a friend
 - 12.** Avoiding school or work
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Sometimes it can be difficult to understand what a British person says and what they actually mean.



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What the British say	What the British mean	What others understand
I hear what you say	I disagree and do not want to discuss it further	He accepts my point of view
With the greatest respect...	I think you are an idiot	He is listening to me
That's not bad	That's good	That's poor
That is a very brave proposal	You are insane	He thinks I have courage
Quite good	A bit disappointing	Quite good
I would suggest...	Do it or be prepared to justify yourself	Think about the idea, but do what you like
Oh, incidentally/ by the way	The primary purpose of our discussion is...	That is not very important
I was a bit disappointed that	I am annoyed that	It doesn't really matter
Very interesting	That is clearly nonsense	They are impressed
I'll bear it in mind	I've forgotten it already	They will probably do it
I'm sure it's my fault	It's your fault	Why do they think it was their fault?
You must come for dinner	It's not an invitation, I'm just being polite	I will get an invitation soon
I almost agree	I don't agree at all	He's not far from agreement
I only have a few minor comments	Please re-write completely	He has found a few typos
Could we consider some other options	I don't like your idea	They have not yet decided

Cockney Rhyming Slang is perhaps the most famous of English dialects.

The basis of this slang is, as the name suggests, that it rhymes.

Here is an example:

“dog” is ‘the slang’ short version for “dog and bone”(the full phrase), and it means the phone (because “bone” rhymes with “phone”).

Your Task:

Match the slang, the full phrase and the meaning together

Slang	Full Phrase	Meaning
Apples	Plates of Meat	Wife
Trouble	Apples and Pairs	Feet
Bread	Rosie Lee	Tea
Plates	Bread and Honey	Stairs
Rosie	Trouble and Strife	Money

Thanks for watching

