

Tech talk: TLAs and other Fun

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In the spirit of Carnival and the popularity of email and cell phone text messaging, this month we're going to create a little guide. Since everyone is in a hurry and some service providers actually charge by the character, TLAs (Three Letter Acronyms) are used now more than ever (and have moved beyond just 3 characters). These are phrases that are shortened and their meaning is 'generally' understood. For example, you've probably seen SYS on your cell phone or email message. Most readers know that the sender is saying "See You Soon" and saving 7 characters. There are also the symbols made from combining several keyboard characters. Turn your head to the left and look at :-)

2MI Too much information	KYFC Keep Your Fingers Crossed	RSN Real Soon Now	YGTBK You've Got To Be Kidding	hug ()
2U2 To You Too	L Laugh	RYS Read Your Screen	YIU Yes, I Understand	hugs (()))
4COL For Crying Out Loud	L8R Later	S Smile	YKWIM You know what I mean	hugs and kisses (()):**
JK Just Kidding	LMHO Laughing My Head Off	SEC Wait a second		hung over %-\
? I have a question	LMS Let Me See	SLM See Last Mail/Message		high five ^5
! I have a comment	LOLV Lot's Of Love	SO Significant Other		infinity 8
AS Another Subject	LOL Lots Of Luck	SOB Stressd Out Bigtime	angel O:-)	good grief! {-}
ASAP As Soon As Possible	LOL Laughing Out Loud	SOL SH** Out Of Luck	angry :-	kiss :-*
B4N Bye For Now	LOML Love Of My Life	SOS Same Old Stuff	annoyed >:-(-	kiss :-x
BF Boy Friend	LTNS Long Time No See	SOW Speaking Of Which	asleep --	laughing :-D
BTW By The Way	LTNT Long Time, No Type	SYS See You Soon	astonished 8-O	laughter ^^/\
BYKT But You Knew That	LY Love You	TAF That's All, Folks!	baby ~:o	licking lips :-9
BYOB Bring Your Own Bottle	LYMY Love You Miss You	TAFN That's All For Now	back to back	loudmouth :()
CU See You	M8 Mate	TBD To Be Decided	bad boy d:-\	mad >:-<
D8 Date	MYOB Mind Your Own Business	TDM Too Darn Many	bandaid, comfort (::(:))	male O-
DTRT Do The Right Thing	NAC Not A Clue	TFTT Thanks For The Thought	beatup %+{	no comment {}
F2F Face To Face	NBD No Big Deal	THX Thanks	black eye :-(-	punk =:-)
FWIW For What It's Worth	NFW No Freakin Way	TIC Tongue In Cheek	blowing a kiss :-}	raised eyebrow ':-)
FYA For Your Amusement	NITL Not In This Lifetime	TINWIS That Is Not What I Said	bored :	religious leader or person +<:-)
FYI For Your Information	NM Never Mind	TMI Too Much Information	brain-dead %o-6	rose @}--->
G1 Good One	NOYB None Of Your Business	TOY Thinking Of You	cat =^..^=	rose, long-stemmed @}--->---
G2G Got to Go	NP No Problem	TTYL Talk To You Later	clown *< :-)	sad :(
GA Go Ahead	NRN No Response Necessary	TTYT Talk To You Tomorrow	clowning :*)	sarcasm :-]
GAL Get A Life	NTYMI Now That You Mention It	UOK Are You OK?	cold or flu :-~	shocked 8-o
GOWI Get On With It	OBO Or Best Offer	UOM You Owe Me	confused :-~/	shouting :-V
GR8 Great	OBTW Oh, By The Way	UOMBT You Owe Me Big Time	cow 3:o	sleepy (
HOAS Hang On A Sec(ond)	OIC Oh, I See	UR You Are	cowboy <:)	smile :-)
HSIK How Should I Know	OMG Oh My Gosh	WAEF When All Else Fails	crying :-(smirk :-,
HT Hi There	OTF On the Floor	WAG Wild Ass Guess	curly hair ~:o)	snake ~~~~8}
IJWTK I Just Want To Know	OTFL On the Floor Laughing	WB Welcome Back	death]:->	sniffles :-\
IJWTS I Just Want To Say	OTL Out To Lunch	WE Whatever	deja vu :- :-	snoring ^o
IKWUM I Know What You Mean	OTOH On The Other Hand	WT Without Thinking	disappointed :-e	sticking out tongue :-p
IWALU I Will Always Love You	OTT Over The Top	WTF What The F***	donut (o)	surprised :-O
IWBNI It Would Be Nice If	P911 Parent Alert Change Subject	WTG Way To Go!	dull :	thinking about money \$-)
IYSS If You Say So	POC Piece Of Cake	WTH What the heck	dunce <:-(-	to be or not to be 2B 2B
J4F Just For Fun	POS Piece of S**t	WYM Watch Your Mouth	drunk %*}	toilet , O
JAM Just A Minute	QT Cutie	XOXOXO Kisses and hugs	egghead (:	tongue in cheek :-?
JAS Just A Second	R U THERE? Are you there?	YGLT You're Gonna Love This	exhausted :-6	tongue-tied :-&
JC Just Chilling	RL Real Life	YGTI You Get The Idea?	face to face }}{	what? >
JIC Just In Case	ROI Return on Investment		female O+	wide-eyed, wears glasses 8-)
JK Just Kidding			frown :-(-	wink :-)
K Okay			frustrated }:-[winking and laughing ;:-D
KISS Keep It Simple, Stupid			funny :-D	yawn -O
KIT Keep In Touch			giggles ^^ ^^	yuck >=^ p
KWIM Know What I Mean?			glass empty \/\	yuck! 8-p
			glass full \~/	
			grin (big) =^D	
			happy :-^D	
			having a hard time :{	
			hats off to you d :-o	

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