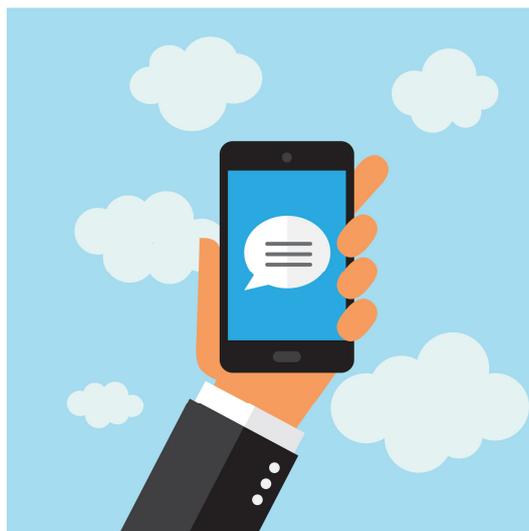


Txtng is killing language. JK!!! by John McWhorter

WARM-UP

1. Discuss:

- Are you a language purist?
- Is texting killing language in your opinion?
- Do you like the texting shortcuts and emoticons?
- What would life be like without SMS?



VIDEO & DISCUSSION

2. Match phrases from the video with their endings:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a) there's a little bit of | 1) wrong |
| b) it's an expansion of | 2) to keep spinning |
| c) don't get me | 3) face it |
| d) let's | 4) controversy |
| e) clear | 5) of new constructions |
| f) keep up with | 6) their throat |
| g) we have a whole battery | 7) their linguistic repertoire |
| h) the planet somehow seems | 8) the pace of speech |

3. Watch the talk and check your answers in ex. 2.

4. Discuss:

- What have you noticed in the way speaking, writing and texting have been developing?
- Do you approve of how using language has changed? What is the future of language in your opinion?
- How has the meaning of *LOL* and *slash* developed according to the speaker?

5. Guess the meaning of abbreviations used in text messages:

C U

CU L8ER

TIA

NP

How R U?

TTYL

2day

IDK

HF

L8R

JK

B4N

GR8

TNX

ILY

@ 8

?4U

XOXO

B4

2MOR

OT

6. Look at these messages and rewrite them.

What u doing
2nite?
Let's go out and HF

2MOR going home
for Xmas
CU in 2 weeks.
XOXO

Can u send me
janes address?
ASAP TIA

I booked a table at
the restaurant at 5.
Can you meet me
there?

What are you
wearing for the
party today?

I think we should
talk about it face to
face. I will be right
back.

7. Choose two messages and answer them using abbreviations and text terms.