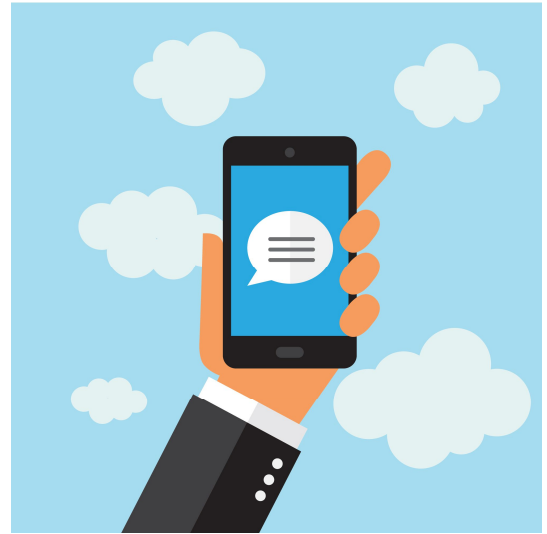


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### WARM-UP

#### 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:

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

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

C U see you

CU L8ER see you later

TIA thanks in advance

NP no problem

How R U? How are you?

TTYL talk to you later

2day today

IDK I don't know

HF have fun

L8R later

JK just kidding

B4N bye for now

GR8 great

TNX thanks

ILY I love you

@ 8 at 8

?4U question for you

XOXO hugs and kisses

B4 before

2MOR tomorrow

OT off topic

### 6. Look at these messages and rewrite them.

What u doing  
2nite?  
Go out and HF

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

Can u send me  
janes address?  
ASAP TIA

What are you doing  
tonight? Let's go out and  
have fun!

Tomorrow I'm going home  
for Christmas. See you in  
two weeks. Hugs and  
kisses

Can you send me Jane's  
address? As soon as  
possible!  
Thanks in advance

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.

Booked a table @ the  
restaurant @ 5. Can u  
meet me there?

What u wearing  
4 the party  
2 day?

Should talk F2F.  
BRB

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