

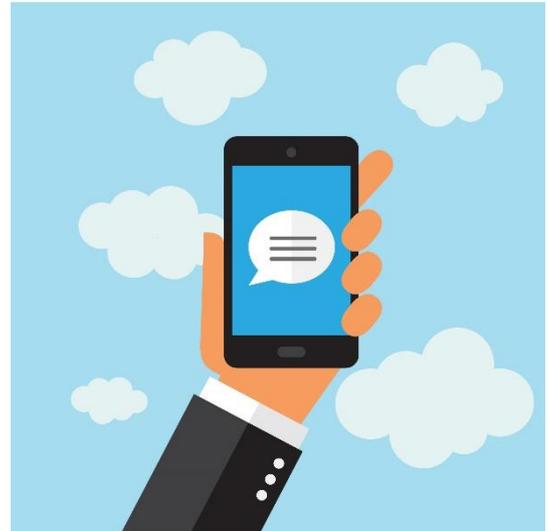
Txtng is killing language. JK!!!

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WARM-UP

1. Discuss the questions below.

- 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 phrase beginnings and endings to create expressions used in the video.

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

3. Watch a [TED talk](https://youtu.be/UmvOgW6iV2s) [https://youtu.be/UmvOgW6iV2s] and check your answers in exercise 2.

4. Discuss the points below:

- What have you noticed in the way speaking, writing and texting have been developing?
- Do you approve of how 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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by John McWorther****5. Guess the meaning of abbreviations used in text messages:**C U **see you**NP **no problem**2day **today**L8R **later**GR8 **great**@ 8 **at 8**B4 **before**CU L8ER **see you later**How R U? **How are you?**IDK **I don't know**JK **just kidding**TNX **thanks**?4U **question for you**2MOR **tomorrow**TIA **thanks in advance**TTYL **talk to you later**HF **have fun**B4N **bye for now**ILY **I love you**XOXO **hugs and kisses**OT **off topic****6. Look at these messages and rewrite them.**

What u doing
2nite?
Go out and HF

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

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

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

Can u send me
janes address?
ASAP TIA

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?

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

What are you
wearing for the
party today?

What u wearing
4 the party 2 day?

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

Should talk F2F.
BRB

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