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MODERN TEXTING ACRONYMS OF 2023

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Summary. Living in the 3d Millennium and dealing with teaching language you should always be in the centre of changes. Acronym is becoming more and more popular in texting language. The types and mostly used acronyms are shown in this work by the research of modern networks.

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Language is a living structure. To be on the top of all changes and developments of lexical layer we should always follow new phenomena appearing in it. Especially, it goes without saying that working as an English teacher with young students and living in the third millennium we must be in a constant investigation of “What’s new comin’ here” and “whataya know about my BF”.

One of the most commonly used lexical structures of recent years are acronyms- the type of abbreviation mostly used by younger generation.

As we know, an acronym is a shortened word compound of the first letters of the phrase. Unlike some abbreviations, they're made up of the words' initials. “They abbreviate something in a contemporary way, using initials, slang, and other shorthand. They make it possible to communicate quickly, and that's what makes them a form of abbreviation” [1].

The question is whether we can pronounce acronym as a word. A lot of acronyms can't because they don't have the right combination of vowels and consonants. However, there's no set rule that governs this. “Knowing how to pronounce acronyms depends a lot your awareness of the world around you, but it's not the end of the world if you make a mistake” [2]. One of the reasons why acronyms are used in modern speech is that the life tempo has become so rushing that it’s easier to shorten the words, especially if we speak about online communication\ texting.

There exist different types of acronyms. Here we want to touch upon acronyms used in modern networks like Instagram, TikTok and Twitter. Having examined about 100 pages of the mentioned networks we can underline the following:

1. *Top used acronyms:*

1. ASAP(as soon as possible)
2. TGIF (thank God it's Friday)
3. POV (point of view)
4. IDK (I don't know)
5. DIY (do it yourself)
6. LOL (laughing out loud)
7. LMAO (laughing my a"" off)
8. FYI (for your information)
9. TTYL (talk to you later)
10. IDGAF(I don't give a f**k)

If LOL, LMAO, IDK have been already known for some years, but as for POV or FYI- they have become mostly used last year.

2. Trying to differentiate the types of them, we can speak about following:

a) *Notifications and wishes:*

- TTYL (talk to you later)
- IBRB(I'll be right back)
- OMW (on my way)
- BBIAS (be back in a second)
- GFN (gone for now)

b) *Relations:*

- BFF (best friends forever)
- BS (best sister)
- FE (frienemy)
- BF (boyfriend)
- GF (girlfriend)

c) *emotions:*

- OMG (oh my God)
- FAWC (for everyone who cares)
- WTF (what the f**)
- LOL
- LMAO
- TIME (tears in my eyes)
- QQ (crying)

d) *warnings*

- NFS (not for sale)
- SFW (safe for work)
- OP (original poster)
- NAGI (not a good idea)

- e) farewell expressions:
SYL (see you later)
GBU (God bless you)
GL (good luck)
CU (see you)

The list of acronyms will become larger and larger every year and undoubtedly, we'll follow these changes to enlarge our acronym vocabulary. Of course, you should understand that acronym is a part of the informal layer of lexis mostly used in the internet chats or short videos. Business, or formal language have some other requirements and informal acronyms should not be used there. But to understand modern informal language and be able to communicate like a representative of the 3d millennium it is worth learning new structures to feel up-to-date person.

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THE MYSTERY OF THE DOG IN THE MARQUESAN ROCK ART HAS BEEN SOLVED

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Summary. The author has interpreted the rock picture disclosed on the Marquesas Islands. As a result, the mixture of the Peruvian and Polynesian mythologies has been decoded successfully.

Keywords: Marquesas Islands; Easter Island; Rapanui; Rapa Nui; Polynesia; Quechua; Andean; Peruvian; rongorongo; script; writing; hieroglyphic script; folklore; mythology; Austronesian.

Consider the drawing which is engraved on a boulder, Nuku Hiva, the Marquesas Islands, in conformity with Millerstrom [6, fig. 4], see fig. 1.