

## A is for Acronyms

Instant messaging programs limit the amount of text you can plug in per message. That's one reason why acronyms are often used to convey common expressions. They're also used, of course, to save time.

If you're an IM beginner, the acronyms may seem a little intimidating. Relax. We've put together this list of the most frequently used acronyms just for you. So, FWIW, keep it handy JIC you get confused.

AFAIK As far as I know  
AFK Away from keyboard  
AM Away Message  
ATM At the moment  
B Back  
BBL Be back later  
BBS Be back soon  
BC Because

BCNU Be Seeing' You  
BFN Bye for now  
BG Big grin  
BI Buddy Icon  
BMG Be my guest  
BRB Be right back  
BTA But then again  
CFN Ciao for now

CID Consider it done  
CUL See you later  
FWIW For what it's worth  
GL Good luck  
GMTA Great minds think alike  
GRA Go right ahead  
GW Good work  
HT Hi there  
HTH Hope this helps  
IAC In any case  
IAE In any event  
IDK I don't know  
IK I know  
IMHO In my humble opinion  
IMS I am sorry  
IOW In other words  
JIC Just in case  
JK Just kidding

K Okay  
KIS Keep it simple  
L8R Later  
LOL Laughing out loud  
NBD No big deal  
NP No problem  
NRN No response necessary  
OH Off hand  
OIC Oh I see  
OTOH On the other hand  
OTP On the phone  
PLS or PLZ Please  
POC Point of contact  
POS Parent Over Shoulder  
RSN Real soon now  
RUOK? Are you okay?  
TAFN That's all for now  
TBA To be announced

TBH To be honest  
THX Thanks  
TIA Thanks in advance  
TTYL Talk to you later  
TY Thank you  
UN User Name  
WB Welcome back  
WE Whatever  
WFM Works for me  
WTG Way to go  
WU? What's up?  
YT? You there?  
YW You're welcome