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Text abbreviations make you look less sincere

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THE ARTICLE

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A new study suggests that people who abbreviate their text messages might seem insincere. In addition, they might be less likely to receive replies. Researchers from Stanford University in the USA and the University of Toronto in Canada analyzed 5,000 text messages to gauge the impact of abbreviations. Test participants had to rate their perceived sincerity of messages with and without abbreviations. They also evaluated their likelihood of responding. The researchers said: "Abbreviations make senders seem less sincere and recipients less likely to write back." They added: "Abbreviations signal a lower level of effort from the sender."

Abbreviations in text messages and social media comments have evolved into a distinct genre of writing. The first text message was sent in 1992. Since then, a system of abbreviated text has developed that is largely understood and widely used. Many abbreviations are now in dictionaries. Truncated terms like "fyi," "cul8r," and "imho" are commonplace in text messages. Of course, these mean "for your information," "see you later," and "in my humble opinion". Researcher David Fang said: "We thought texters might like abbreviations because they would convey an informal sense of closeness, so we were surprised that abbreviations elicited negative perceptions about people who use them."

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WARM-UPS

1. TEXT ABBREVIATIONS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about text abbreviations. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

study / abbreviation / text messages / impact / sincerity / likelihood / write / effort
social media / genre of writing / dictionaries / opinion / texters / closeness / sense

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DAMAGE: Students A **strongly** believe text message abbreviations will damage the quality of written English; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WRITTEN LANGUAGE: How important are these forms of writing? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Important?	Your Ability
Academic essays		
Stories		
Letters		
Social media posts		
Text messages		
Job applications		

5. MESSAGE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "message". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. WRITING: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important reasons for writing at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- To-do lists
- Social media posts
- Letters
- Homework
- Reports
- Essays
- Text messages
- Internet searches

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. abbreviate | a. The chance or possibility that something will happen. |
| 2. insincere | b. A sign or action that gives information, or to give a sign or message. |
| 3. gauge (verb) | c. To make a word or phrase shorter by using only the first few letters or parts of the word. |
| 4. perceived | d. Not being honest or truthful; when someone doesn't really mean what they say. |
| 5. likelihood | e. How something is understood or thought of by people. |
| 6. recipients | f. People who receive something, like a gift or a message. |
| 7. signal (verb) | g. To measure or find out how much or how good something is. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. evolved | h. To show or express something. |
| 9. distinct | i. Not thinking you are better than others; modest. |
| 10. genre | j. Shortened by cutting off part of something. |
| 11. truncated | k. Changed or developed over a long period of time. |
| 12. humble | l. Caused a reaction or response. |
| 13. convey | m. Clearly different or easy to notice. |
| 14. elicited | n. A type or category of something, especially music, books, or movies. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says people who use abbreviations are insecure. **T / F**
2. Researchers analyzed 50,000 text messages. **T / F**
3. People who use abbreviations are less likely to get a reply. **T / F**
4. Researchers say abbreviation indicate less effort from the writer. **T / F**
5. The writing in text messages is now a distinct genre of writing. **T / F**
6. The first ever text message was sent in the 1970s. **T / F**
7. Text message abbreviations are yet to be put in dictionaries. **T / F**
8. Researchers said they thought texters would like abbreviations. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. abbreviate | a. probability |
| 2. replies | b. communicate |
| 3. gauge | c. developed |
| 4. likelihood | d. answers |
| 5. signal | e. separate |
| 6. evolved | f. adverse |
| 7. distinct | g. shorten |
| 8. humble | h. show |
| 9. convey | i. respectful |
| 10. negative | j. measure |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. they might be less likely | a. sincerity |
| 2. gauge the impact | b. widely used |
| 3. participants had to rate their perceived | c. to receive replies |
| 4. They also evaluated their likelihood | d. informal sense of closeness |
| 5. Abbreviations signal a lower | e. of abbreviations |
| 6. social media comments have | f. of responding |
| 7. a distinct | g. perceptions about people |
| 8. largely understood and | h. genre of writing |
| 9. they would convey an | i. evolved |
| 10. abbreviations elicited negative | j. level of effort |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

A new study suggests that people who (1) _____ their text messages might seem (2) _____. In addition, they might be less likely to receive (3) _____. Researchers from Stanford University in the USA and the University of Toronto in Canada analyzed 5,000 text messages to (4) _____ the impact of abbreviations. Test participants had to (5) _____ their perceived sincerity of messages with and without abbreviations. They also evaluated their (6) _____ of responding. The researchers said: "Abbreviations make senders seem less sincere and (7) _____ less likely to write back." They added: "Abbreviations (8) _____ a lower level of effort from the sender."

replies
rate
signal
abbreviate
recipients
gauge
insincere
likelihood

Abbreviations in text messages and social media comments have evolved into a (9) _____ genre of writing. The first text message was sent in 1992. Since then, a (10) _____ of abbreviated text has developed that is largely understood and (11) _____ used. Many abbreviations are now in dictionaries. Truncated (12) _____ like "fyi," "cul8r," and "imho" are (13) _____ in text messages. Of course, these mean "for your information," "see you later," and "in my humble (14) _____". Researcher David Fang said: "We thought texters might like abbreviations because they would (15) _____ an informal sense of closeness, so we were surprised that abbreviations elicited (16) _____ perceptions about people who use them."

commonplace
widely
distinct
convey
opinion
terms
negative
system

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

- 1) A new study suggests that people who _____
 - a. abbreviate pretext
 - b. abbreviate context
 - c. abbreviate their text
 - d. abbreviate in text
- 2) In addition, they might be less likely _____
 - a. to receiver replies
 - b. to re-sieve replies
 - c. to receive replies
 - d. to recede replies
- 3) Test participants had to rate _____
 - a. their perceived sincerity
 - b. their perceived sincerely
 - c. their perceived since rarity
 - d. their perceive sincerity
- 4) Abbreviations make senders seem less sincere and recipients less _____
 - a. likelihood to write
 - b. like little write
 - c. likely too write
 - d. likely to write
- 5) They added: "Abbreviations signal a lower _____"
 - a. level of effort
 - b. level off effort
 - c. level oft effort
 - d. levels of effort
- 6) social media comments have evolved into a distinct _____
 - a. genre of written
 - b. genre of write in
 - c. genre of writing
 - d. genre of wry tin
- 7) a system of abbreviated text has developed that _____
 - a. is largely overstood
 - b. is largely understood
 - c. is largely udder stood
 - d. is largely understand
- 8) Many abbreviations are now in dictionaries. Truncated _____
 - a. terms alike "fyi"
 - b. term like "fyi"
 - c. terms likes "fyi"
 - d. terms like "fyi"
- 9) "for your information," "see you later," and "in _____"
 - a. my humble opining
 - b. my humble opine on
 - c. my humble opening
 - d. my humble opinion
- 10) texters might like abbreviations because they would convey an informal _____
 - a. sense oft closeness
 - b. sense off closeness
 - c. cents of closeness
 - d. sense of closeness

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

A new study suggests that people (1) _____ text messages (2) _____. In addition, they might be less likely (3) _____. Researchers from Stanford University in the USA and the University of Toronto in Canada analyzed 5,000 text messages to (4) _____ of abbreviations. Test participants had to rate their perceived sincerity of messages with and without abbreviations. They also (5) _____ of responding. The researchers said: "Abbreviations make senders seem less sincere and recipients less likely to write back." They added: "Abbreviations (6) _____ level of effort from the sender."

Abbreviations (7) _____ and social media comments have evolved into a (8) _____ writing. The first text message was sent in 1992. Since then, a system of abbreviated text has developed that is largely understood and widely used. Many abbreviations are now in dictionaries. Truncated terms like "fyi," "cul8r," and "imho" are (9) _____ messages. Of course, these mean "for your information," "see you later," and "in (10) _____". Researcher David Fang said: "We thought texters might like abbreviations because they would (11) _____ sense of closeness, so we were surprised that abbreviations (12) _____ about people who use them."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

1. What might people who use abbreviations be less likely to receive?
2. Where are the researchers from besides Stanford University?
3. How many text messages did test participants look at?
4. What did test participants evaluate the likelihood of?
5. What do abbreviations show a lower level of from text writers?
6. What has the language in text messages evolved into?
7. What happened in 1992?
8. What does the abbreviation "cul8r" mean?
9. What did a researcher think texters might like?
10. What did abbreviations elicit among people who use them?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

- 1) What might people who use abbreviations be less likely to receive?
 - a) money
 - b) friends
 - c) responses
 - d) likes
- 2) Where are the researchers from besides Stanford University?
 - a) University of Toronto
 - b) Oxford University
 - c) M.I.T.
 - d) New York University
- 3) How many text messages did test participants look at?
 - a) five thousand
 - b) fifteen thousand
 - c) fifty thousand
 - d) five-hundred thousand
- 4) What did test participants evaluate the likelihood of?
 - a) banning abbreviations
 - b) responding
 - c) banning social media
 - d) liking posts
- 5) What do abbreviations show a lower level of from text writers?
 - a) mistakes
 - b) respect
 - c) intelligence
 - d) effort
- 6) What has the language in text messages evolved into?
 - a) hieroglyphics
 - b) a distinct genre of writing
 - c) code
 - d) new words
- 7) What happened in 1992?
 - a) The first text message was sent.
 - b) Social media was born.
 - c) Schools banned abbreviations in essays
 - d) The Internet started.
- 8) What does the abbreviation "cul8r" mean?
 - a) could you pass me the ladder
 - b) cull eight rats
 - c) see you later
 - d) culture
- 9) What did a researcher think texters might like?
 - a) middle English
 - b) ancient Egyptian
 - c) Morse code
 - d) abbreviations
- 10) What did abbreviations elicit among people who use them?
 - a) negative perceptions
 - b) deepened respect
 - c) greater curiosity
 - d) incorrect answers

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

Role A – To-do Lists

You think to-do lists are the most important things we write. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): social media posts, essays or text messages.

Role B – Social Media Posts

You think social media posts are the most important things we write. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): to-do lists, essays or text messages.

Role C – Essays

You think essays are the most important things we write. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): social media posts, to-do lists or text messages.

Role D – Text Messages

You think text messages are the most important things we write. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): social media posts, essays or to-do lists.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'abbreviation' and 'text'.

abbreviation	text

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• suggests• less• gauge• likelihood• seem• effort	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• genre• 1992• largely• mean• opinion• sense
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TEXT ABBREVIATIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about text abbreviations in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

TEXT ABBREVIATIONS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'abbreviation'?
3. What do you think of abbreviations?
4. How often do you abbreviate text in messages?
5. Are there any abbreviations you love or hate?
6. Do you think text with abbreviations is less sincere?
7. Are you less likely to reply if someone uses abbreviations?
8. How often do you send text messages?
9. Do you prefer texting or writing?
10. Should we discourage the use of abbreviations?

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TEXT ABBREVIATIONS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'message'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the new genre of abbreviation-based writing?
15. What do you think of social media?
16. Do you ever not understand the abbreviations in texts?
17. How will abbreviations change the future of writing?
18. What are the dangers of using abbreviations?
19. Do abbreviations show a degree of closeness between people?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) enunciate | (b) abbreviate | (c) elucidate | (d) inebriate |
| 2. | (a) liked | (b) liking | (c) likely | (d) likelihood |
| 3. | (a) gorge | (b) gouge | (c) gauge | (d) gage |
| 4. | (a) sincerest | (b) sincerely | (c) sincerely | (d) sincerity |
| 5. | (a) incipience | (b) reticence | (c) recipients | (d) occupants |
| 6. | (a) lowed | (b) lower | (c) lows | (d) allow |
| 7. | (a) unto | (b) into | (c) onto | (d) as to |
| 8. | (a) biggish | (b) largely | (c) lots | (d) sizeable |
| 9. | (a) commotion | (b) commoner | (c) commonplace | (d) commonness |
| 10. | (a) honour | (b) horrific | (c) holy | (d) humble |
| 11. | (a) curvy | (b) scurvy | (c) survey | (d) convey |
| 12. | (a) solicited | (b) collided | (c) elided | (d) elicited |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. their text messages might seem ierienscn
2. nlaeyzad 5,000 text messages
3. ugeag the impact
4. rate their epcveirde sincerity
5. evaluated their ollkodehii of responding
6. senrieitcp less likely to write back

Paragraph 2

7. social media comments have dovlvee
8. a distinct neegr of writing
9. a system of abebetrvdia text
10. untecatdr terms like "fyi"
11. yonvec an informal sense of closeness
12. abbreviations tileeidc negative perceptions

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Abbreviations in text messages and social media comments have evolved into a distinct genre
- () "for your information," "see you later," and "in my humble opinion". Researcher David Fang said: "We thought
- () added: "Abbreviations signal a lower level of effort from the sender."
- () insincere. In addition, they might be less likely to receive replies. Researchers from Stanford University
- () in the USA and the University of Toronto in Canada analyzed 5,000 text messages to gauge
- () of writing. The first text message was sent in 1992. Since then, a system of abbreviated text has
- () dictionaries. Truncated terms like "fyi," "cul8r," and "imho" are commonplace in text messages. Of course, these mean
- (**1**) A new study suggests that people who abbreviate their text messages might seem
- () developed that is largely understood and widely used. Many abbreviations are now in
- () surprised that abbreviations elicited negative perceptions about people who use them."
- () make senders seem less sincere and recipients less likely to write back." They
- () without abbreviations. They also evaluated their likelihood of responding. The researchers said: "Abbreviations
- () texters might like abbreviations because they would convey an informal sense of closeness, so we were
- () the impact of abbreviations. Test participants had to rate their perceived sincerity of messages with and

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

1. insincere . their text seem messages abbreviate who People
2. less might likely They be to replies . receive
3. text the to gauge impact . Analyzed messages 5,000
4. rated sincerity messages . the Test participants of perceived
5. effort . Abbreviations signal of a lower level
6. Comments into genre of a distinct writing . evolved
7. system A abbreviated of has developed . text
8. He texters might said we thought abbreviations . like
9. sense convey closeness . an of would They informal
- 10.that negative abbreviations of perceptions Surprised people . elicited

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241118-text-abbreviations.html>

A new study *ingests / suggests* that people who abbreviate their text messages might seem insincere. In *addition / additionally*, they might be less *likely / liked* to receive replies. Researchers from Stanford University in the USA and the University of Toronto in Canada analyzed 5,000 text messages to *gouge / gauge* the impact of abbreviations. Test participants had to rate their perceived *sincere / sincerity* of messages with and without abbreviations. They also *evaluated / valued* their likelihood *to / of* responding. The researchers said: "Abbreviations *mark / make* senders seem less sincere and recipients *less / lest* likely to write back." They added: "Abbreviations signal a lower level of *affront / effort* from the sender."

Abbreviations *on / in* text messages and social media comments have evolved into a *distant / distinct* genre of writing. The first text message was sent in 1992. Since *that / then*, a system of abbreviated text has developed that is largely *understanding / understood* and *widely / widening* used. Many abbreviations are now *at / in* dictionaries. Truncated terms like "fyi," "cul8r," and "imho" are commonplace *in / by* text messages. Of course, these *meant / mean* "for your information," "see you later," and "in my humble opinion". Researcher David Fang said: "We thought texters might like abbreviations because they would convey an informal *sense / scent* of closeness, so we were surprised that abbreviations *eluded / elicited* negative perceptions about people who use them."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ n_w st_dy s_gg_sts th_t p__pl_ wh_ _bbr_v__t_ th__r t_xt m_ss_g_s m_ght s__m _ns_nc_r_. _n _dd_t__n, th_y m_ght b_ l_ss l_k_ly t_ r_c__v_ r_pl__s. R_s__rch_rs fr_m St_nf_rd _n_v_rs_ty _n th_ _S_ _nd th_ _n_v_rs_ty _f T_r_nt_ _n C_n_d_ _n_lyz_d 5,000 t_xt m_ss_g_s t_ g__g_ th_ _mp_ct _f _bbr_v__t__ns. t_st p_rt_c_p_nts h_d t_ r_t_ th__r p_rc__v_d s_nc_r_ty _f m_ss_g_s w_th _nd w_th__t _bbr_v__t__ns. Th_y _ls_ _v_l__t_d th__r l_k_l_h__d _f r_sp_nd_ng. Th_ r_s__rch_rs s__d: "_bbr_v__t__ns m_k_s_nd_rs s__m l_ss s_nc_r_ _nd r_c_p__nts l_ss l_k_ly t_ wr_t_ b_ck." Th_y _dd_d: "_bbr_v__t__ns s_gn_l _l_w_r l_v_l _f _ff_rt fr_m th_ s_nd_r."

_bbr_v__t__ns _n t_xt m_ss_g_s _nd s_c__l m_d__c_mm_nts h_v_ _v_lv_d _nt_ _ d_st_nct g_nr_ _f wr_t_ng. Th_ f_rst t_xt m_ss_g_ w_s s_nt _n 1992. S_nc_ th_n, _ syst_m _f _bbr_v__t_d t_xt h_s d_v_l_p_d th_t _s l_rg_ly _nd_rst__d _nd w_d_ly _s_d. M_ny _bbr_v__t__ns _r_ n_w _n d_ct__n_r__s. Tr_nc_t_d t_rms l_k_ "fy_," "c_l8r," _nd "_mh_" _r_c_mm_npl_c_ _n t_xt m_ss_g_s. _f c__rs_, th_s_ m__n "f_r y__r _nf_rm_t__n," "s__ y__ l_t_r," _nd "_n my h_mbl_ _p_n__n". R_s__rch_r D_v_d F_ng s__d: "W_th__ght t_xt_rs m_ght l_k_ _bbr_v__t__ns b_c__s_ th_y w__ld c_nv_y _n _nf_rm_l_s_ns_ _f cl_s_n_ss, s_ w_w_r_ s_rpr_s_d th_t _bbr_v__t__ns _l_c_t_d n_g_t_v_p_rc_pt__ns _b__t p__pl_ wh_ _s_ th_m."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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abbreviations in text messages and social media comments have evolved into a distinct genre of writing the first text message was sent in 1992 since then a system of abbreviated text has developed that is largely understood and widely used many abbreviations are now in dictionaries truncated terms like fyi cul8r and imho are commonplace in text messages of course these mean for your information see you later and in my humble opinion researcher david fang said we thought texters might like abbreviations because they would convey an informal sense of closeness so we were surprised that abbreviations elicited negative perceptions about people who use them

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TEXT ABBREVIATIONS: Make a poster about text abbreviations. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BAN: Write a magazine article about banning text abbreviations. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on text abbreviations. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on abbreviations. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. j	4. a	5. h
6. c	7. e	8. i	9. b	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- responses
- University of Toronto
- five thousand
- responding
- effort
- a distinct genre of writing
- The first text message was sent.
- see you later
- abbreviations
- negative perceptions

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- People who abbreviate their text messages seem insincere.
- They might be less likely to receive replies.
- Analyzed 5,000 text messages to gauge the impact.
- Test participants rated the perceived sincerity of messages.
- Abbreviations signal a lower level of effort.
- Comments evolved into a distinct genre of writing.
- A system of abbreviated text has developed.
- He said we thought texters might like abbreviations.
- They would convey an informal sense of closeness.
- Surprised that abbreviations elicited negative perceptions of people.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)