

Internet Slang Terms All Parents Should Know:

Do you know what these terms mean? Your kids do!

Chances are they're using them online to talk to their friends. Some of them may shock you.
(sometimes used letters are in parentheses)

ASL(R P)

Age Sex Location (Race / Picture)

BF / GF

Boyfriend / Girlfriend

BRB

Be Right Back

CD9

Code 9 - means parents are around

GNOC

Get Naked on Cam (webcam)

GTG

Got to Go

IDK

I don't know

(L)MIRL

(Lets) meet in real life

LOL

Laugh Out Loud

MorF

Male or Female

MOS

Mom Over Shoulder

NIFOC

Naked in Front of Computer

Noob

Newbie - often an insult to somebody who doesn't know much about something.

NMU

Not much, you?

P911

Parent Emergency

PAW

Parents are Watching

PIR

Parent In Room

POS

Parent Over Shoulder

PRON

Porn

PRW

Parents Are Watching

S2R

Send To Recieve (pictures)

TDTM
Talk Dirty To Me

Warez
Pirated Software

W/E
Whatever

WTF
What the F**k?

Inform

Statistics on online safety

Statistics on online safety collated from government reports and research.

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- 11% of 9-16 year olds have encountered sexual images on the internet in the past 12 months
- 13% of UK 9-16 year olds say they have been bothered or upset by something online in the past year.

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How many children use the internet?

- 93% of all 5-15 year olds used the internet in 2013. This breaks down by age as: four in five 5-7 year olds (82%), and nearly all 8-11 year olds (96%) and 12-15 year olds (99%).

Source: Ofcom (2013) [Children and parents: media use and attitudes report \(PDF\)](#). London: Ofcom.
Figures are all for 2013, and are compiled from a range of Ofcom surveys, research studies and analysis as outlined on pages 18-19 of the report.

How much time do children spend on the internet?

- The estimated weekly volume of internet use at home in 2013 increased with the age of the child: 6.5 hours for 3-4 year olds, 6.7 hours for 5-7 year olds, 9.2 hours for 8-11 year olds and 17.0 hours for 12-15 year olds
- In 2013, 12-15 year olds spent as much time using the internet as watching television.

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How do children use social networking sites?

- 35% of children aged 5-15 years old who use the internet at home have an active social networking site profile, a decrease of 8% since 2012. This breaks down by age as: 1% of 5-7 year olds, 18% of 8-11 year olds and 67% of 12-15 year olds
- 22% of 8-12 year olds who use the internet at home say they have a profile on Facebook, Bebo or MySpace (despite the minimum age at which you can have a profile on these sites being 13)
- 12-15 year olds have an average of 272 social networking friends
- Children aged 12-15 years old estimate that they have not met one in three of their social networking friends (29%)
- Most children aged 8-12 years old and 12-15 years old with an active social networking profile say that their profile can be seen only by their friends (79% for 8-12 year olds and 65% for 12-15 year olds), while 6% of 8-12s and 8% of 12-15 year olds say their profiles can be seen by anyone.

Source: Ofcom (2013) [Children and parents: media use and attitudes report \(PDF\)](#). London: Ofcom.
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- 29% of UK children aged 9-16 years old said they had contact online with someone they have not met face to face
- 4% of UK 9-16 year olds have gone to an offline meeting with someone they first met online.

Source: Haddon, L.; Livingstone, S.; and EU Kids Online Network (2012) [EU Kids Online: national perspectives \(PDF\)](#). London: The London School of Economics and Political Science

Figures taken from a pan-European 2010 survey of children aged 9-16, which included responses from 1,032 children in the UK.

- Around half of 11 and 12 year olds in the UK have an underage profile.

Source: Lilley, C. and Ball, R. (2013) [Younger children and social networking sites: a blind spot \(PDF, 1.74MB\)](#). London: NSPCC

How many children access or create harmful or worrying content?

- 28% of children aged 11-16 with a profile on a social networking site have experienced something upsetting on it in the last year
- of the children and young people who were upset, 11% were dealing with upsetting experiences on a daily basis
- the most reported issue experienced on social networking sites was trolling, experienced by 37% of children who had been upset
- other issues experienced by children who had been upset included: pressure to look or act a certain way (14%), cyber stalking (12%), aggressive and violent language (18%), encouragement to hurt themselves (3%), receiving unwanted sexual messages (12%), and requests to send or respond to a sexual message (8%).

Source: Lilley, C.; Ball, R. and Vernon, H. (2014) [The experiences of 11-16 year olds on social networking sites \(PDF, 1.24MB\)](#). London: NSPCC.

In a ChildLine survey of 13-18 year olds:

- 60% said they had been asked for a sexual image or video of themselves
- 40% said they had created an image or video of themselves
- 25% said they had sent an image or video of themselves to someone else.

Source: NSPCC (2013) [ChildLine tackling sexting with Internet Watch Foundation](#). NSPCC press release, 17 October 2013. London: NSPCC

This was a self-selecting survey and may not be representative of the population as a whole. However, the results are comparable with other studies.

- 23% of 11 and 12 year olds with a social networking site profile say they have been upset by something on it over the last year
- 8% of these felt upset or scared for weeks or months after the incident occurred
- 20% experienced something that upset them every day or almost every day
- 62% of these experiences were caused by strangers or people they only knew online.

Source: Lilley, C. and Ball, R. (2013) [Younger children and social networking sites: a blind spot \(PDF, 1.74MB\)](#). London: NSPCC.

- 13% of UK 9-16 year olds said they had been bothered or upset by something online in the past year
- 11% of UK children aged 9-16 years old have encountered sexual images on the internet, 8% have seen online sexual images including nudity, 6% have seen images of someone having sex, 6% have seen someone's genitals and 2% have seen violent sexual images all in the past 12 months
- 12% of UK 11-16 year olds have received sexual messages and 4% have sent sexual messages via the internet
- 19% of UK 11-16 year olds have seen one or more types of potentially harmful user-generated content (as defined by EU Kids Online).

Source: Haddon, L.; Livingstone, S.; and EU Kids Online Network (2012) [EU kids online: national perspectives \(PDF\)](#). London: The London School of Economics and Political Science.