

## Glossary of Chat Room Acronyms

**AFK:** Away from keyboard

**A/S/L** = Age/Sex/Location

**ATM:** At the moment

**B2W:** Back to work

**B4N:** Bye for now

**BAK:** Back at keyboard

**BBL:** Be back later

**BD:** Big deal

**<BEG>:** Big evil grin (usually in brackets)

**<BG>:** Big grin (usually in brackets)

**BL:** Belly laughing

**BRB:** Be right back

**BTA:** But then again...

**BTD:** Been there, done that

**BTSOOM:** Beats the s\*\*\* out of me

**BTW:** By The Way

**CU:** See you

**CUL or CUL8ER:** See you later

**CYO:** See you online

**DIKU:** Do I know you?

**Emoticon:** Name for those little sideways faces in email messages and other postings. Also known as "smiley". For example: "just kidding" represented by ;- ) or "I'm sad" represented by :(....If you don't get it, turn your head sideways and look again ;- )

( :- ) Bald

( :-D Big Mouth

:-! Smoker

:-# Kiss

:-\$ Put Your Money Where

Your Mouth Is

:-( Sad

:-( Crying

:-) Happy

:-{ ) Moustache

:-| Disgusted

:-o Surprised

:-X My Lips Are Sealed

;-) Wink

;-@ Swearing / Angry

[:-) Wearing A Walkman

|o Very Surprised

=:-) Bad Hair Day

3:-o Cow

8-) Wearing Glasses

**EOM:** End of message

**EOS:** End of story

**F2F:** Face to face

**FISH:** First in, still here

**FOAF:** Friend of a friend

**FUBAR:** F\*\*\*ed up beyond all repair/recognition

**FUD:** Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt.

**FYEO:** For your eyes only

**FYI:** For your information

**<G>:** Grin (usually in brackets)

**GAL:** Get a life!

**GIGO:** Garbage In, Garbage Out

**IC:** I see

**ILU or ILY:** I love you

**IMO:** In my opinion

**IRL:** In real life

**ITC:** It's the coolest

**ITILY:** I think I love you

**JIC:** Just in case

**JK:** Just kidding

**KISS:** Keep it simple stupid

**KWIM:** Know what i mean?

**L8R:** Later

**LD:** Later, dude

**LDR:** Long-distance relationship

**LOL:** Laughing out loud

**LZ:** Loser!

**NBD:** No big deal

**NOYB:** None of your business

**NP:** No problem

**NRN:** No reply/response necessary

**OLL:** Online love

**PANS:** Pretty awesome new stuff

**PB:** Potty break

**PDA:** Public display of affection

**PITA:** Pain in the a\*\*

**PMJI:** Pardon my jumping in

**::POOF:::** Goodbye (leaving the room)

**POS:** Parent Over Shoulder

**PTMM:** Please tell me more

**PU:** That stinks!

**R:** Are

**RS:** Real soon

**RUMF?:** Are you male or female?

**<SEG>:** S\*\*\*-eating grin (usually in brackets)

**SITD:** Still in the dark

**SO:** Significant other

**SOL:** 1. Smiling out loud, 2. S\*\*\* out of luck, 3. Sooner or later

**SOMY:** Sick of me yet?

**SOS:** Same old stuff

**TAFN:** That's all for now

**TCOY:** Take care of yourself

**TGIF:** Thank Goodness it's Friday

**THX:** Thanks

**TIC:** Tongue in cheek

**TPTB:** The powers that be

**TTBOMK:** To the best of my knowledge

**TTFN:** Ta-Ta for now

**TTYL:** Talk to you later

**TVM:** Thanks very much

**TWF:** That was fun

**U:** You

**UAPITA:** You're a pain in the a\*\*

**W8:** Wait.

**WB:** Welcome back

**WBS** Write back soon

**WFM:** Works for me

**WIBNI:** Wouldn't it be nice if

**WRT:** With respect to

**WT?:** What/who the ?

**WU?:** What's up?

**WUF?:** Where you from?

**WYWH:** Wish you were here

**YGBSM:** You got to be s\*\*\*in' me!

**YHM:** You have mail

**YMBJ:** You must be joking

### **Glossary of Internet Terms**

**Browser:** Software program that allows you to interact with, navigate or "browse" parts of the Internet, particularly the World Wide Web. (i.e., Netscape or Internet Explorer)

**Bulletin Boards:** Public areas where you can post a message or comment for everyone else to read.

**Chat:** A function that lets a group of people communicate simultaneously online by typing messages to each other.

**Cookie:** The most common meaning of "Cookie" on the Internet refers to a piece of information sent by a Web Server to a Web Browser that the Browser software is

expected to save and to send back to the Server whenever the browser makes additional requests from the Server.

**Cybersex:** Engaging in a sexual discussion with another via e-mail, message boards or in most cases, chat.

**Electronic Mail:** Commonly referred to as e-mail, this lets you send messages from your computer through an online service or the Internet to one or more other computers, or "e-mail addresses."

**Flame:** Any message that addresses another in a derogatory or attacking way, particularly if, instead of addressing the issue at hand, it attacks the recipient as stupid for having such a point of view in the first place.

**Flame Wars:** When both sides lose sight of whatever they are arguing about and just want to insult the other person.

**Hacker:** A term that denotes a programmer whose sole pleasure comes from breaking into computer systems, cracking copy-protection on software and other bad electronic deeds.

**Harassment:** To be annoyed repeatedly, such as by a net user cursing at you, following you or poking fun.

**Internet:** A worldwide network of interconnected computer networks. No government agency or other central authority controls its use.

**Internet Relay Chat:** A global network of computers that lets you create and participate in chat rooms on the Internet.

**Lurker:** A lurker is someone who goes to chat rooms or message boards and doesn't participate. A lurker is usually never a threat, but it does exemplify that you never really know who is watching you on the Internet.

**Netiquette:** A combination of the words "network" and "etiquette," this is the informal code of manners that governs etiquette on the Internet.

**Online Service:** A private network to which you can subscribe to get special features and services, and which can also usually connect you to the Internet.

**Parental Controls:** Special features or software packages that enable adults to control the online activities of children.

**Password:** A secret word or series of letters and numbers that you must use to gain access to an online service or the Internet or to modify certain software (such as parental controls).

**Search Engine:** A (usually web-based) system for searching the information available on the Web. Some search engines work by automatically searching the contents of other systems and creating a database of the results.

Other search engines contain only material manually approved for inclusion in a database, and some combine the two approaches. You can select "family-friendly" search engines such as yahooligans that help screen-out inappropriate material.

**Spam:** Also known as Internet junk mail, spam is mass-mailing (or mass-posting) messages that are irrelevant to the groups and recipients who get them, spam is considered a serious breach of Netiquette.

**World Wide Web:** A part of the Internet that links text, sound and images in the form of Web "pages" or "sites."

**Web Site:** A collection of "pages" or files on the World Wide Web that are linked together and managed by a company, institution or individual.