

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary: 9th edition - Selected New Words

Textspeak Abbreviations	
AFAIK	(especially in text messages, emails, etc.) as far as I know
AFAIR	(especially in text messages, emails, etc.) as far as I remember
AFK	abbreviation (informal) (usually in emails, messages on online gaming websites, etc.) away from the keyboard
BFN	(especially in text messages, emails, etc.) bye for now
DD	(especially in text messages, emails, etc.) darling daughter
GF	(especially in text messages, emails, etc.) girlfriend
IYKWIM	(used especially in text messages, emails, etc., sometimes to suggest indirectly that there is also a hidden meaning in what you have said) I you know what I mean
TBH	(used in emails and text messages to say that this is what you really think) to be hones
TTYL	(used when ending a message to somebody or a conversation) talk to you late
YMMV	(used to say that people may experience a particular thing in different ways) your mileage may vary
Technology and Internet	
achievement (new sense)	a reward that you can earn in some video games by completing a challenge or leve
adware	a type of software that automatically displays or downloads advertisements on a computer screen, smartphone, etc. when a user is onlin
agnostic (new sense)	(often in compounds) (used about computer hardware or software) able to be used with many different types of computer systems, softwar or operating systems
autocomplete	to complete a word or expression automatically before somebody has finished typing it; to be completed automaticall
autofill	a piece of software that remembers information and uses it to fill in data in an online form so that you do not have to type it agai
basket (new sense)	(also cart, shopping cart both especially North American English) a facility on a website that records the items that you select to bu
body scanner	an electronic machine, used at an airport, a prison, etc., that produces a picture of a person's body through their clothes on a screen so tha illegal drugs or weapons can be found
BYOD	bring your own device (a policy that allows employees in a company to bring their own laptops, etc. to work, rather than use computer provided by the company)
card reader	an electronic device that reads data stored on a credit card, membership card, etc
catch-up (new sense)	a service that allows you to watch television programmes on a computer or a special television after the time when they were originall
checkout (new sense)	part of the process of online shopping in which the customer enters delivery information and pays for the item
contactless	relating to the technology that allows a smart card (= a small plastic card used to store information electronically), mobile/cell phone, etc. to contact an electronic device that it is not connected to, usually in order to make a payment
cyberattack	the act of trying to damage or destroy a computer network, computer system or website by secretly changing information on it without
cyberthreat	the possibility that somebody will try to damage or destroy a computer network, computer system or website by secretly changin information on it without permission
DM	direct message (a private message that you send on Twitter™, that will only be seen by the person you send it to)
flipped classroom	a method of teaching in which students study new material at home, for example with videos or over the Internet, and then discuss an practise it with teachers in class, instead of the usual method where teachers present new material in school and students practise at hom
hacking	the action of secretly finding a way of looking at and/or changing information on somebody else's computer system without permission
like	if something on a social networking service, news website, blog, etc. receives a like, it means that somebody has shown that they agree with it or think it is good by clicking a special button
online dating in	using the Internet to arrange to meet somebody and possibly begin a romantic relationship with them
ransomware	a type of software that is designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid
scareware	a type of computer program that tricks a user into buying and downloading unnecessary software that could be dangerous for the compute
social gaming	the activity of playing computer games that are run through a social networking website
social network	a social networking site or application through which users can communicate with each other by adding information, messages, images, etc
social software	computer software that enables users to communicate and share data
New colloquial terms	
bezzie	a person's closest friend
boot-faced	looking very serious, angry or annoyed
butt ugly	(especially of a person) extremely unpleasant to look at
chill pill	if you say that somebody should take a chill pill, you mean that they need to be calmer or to rela
New twists on old words	
brain candy	popular entertainment in the form of a film, TV programme, etc., that does not improve your knowledge or make you think seriously about a subject or issue
catfish	(slang) a person who pretends to be somebody else, usually somebody who does not really exist, on a social networking website in order to deceive other people
green-collar	connected with industries that create products and provide services designed to improve and protect the environmen
tweetable	suitable to send out as a message on the Twitter social networking service
twitterati	people who are very enthusiastic about using the Twitter social networking service and use it a lo
Bio compounds	
biobank	a large collection of samples of tissue (= a group of cells that form the different parts of humans, animals and plants) and data connecte with medicine or biology, brought together for research
bioconversion	the process of using living organisms to change one chemical compound (2) or form of energy into anothe
biodefence	measures taken to protect people against an attack using biological weapons (= weapons of war that spread disease
bioenergy	a type of energy produced using organic substances that can be replaced naturally, such as wood or vegetable o
bioethanol	a type of alcohol, produced from sugar cane (= the plant from which sugar is made), maize / corn, etc., that is used as an alternative to petrol/gas
Japanese words	
shojo	a Japanese form of comic strip for girls that is usually about personal and romantic relationships
shonen	a Japanese form of comic strip for boys that usually has a lot of exciting action and adventure