

# ELL101: Morphology Acronym practice

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# AFAIC

as far as I'm concerned, or as far as I care, or as far as I can...

AFAIK

as far as I know

AFAIR

as far as I recall, or as far as I remember

AFK



away from keyboard

ASAP

as soon as possible

# BBL

be back later

BBS

be back soon

BFD



big fucking deal

SNAFU

situation normal: all fucked up

TARFU

bend over, here it comes again

FIGMO

Fuck it, I've got my (transfer) orders

BRB



be right back (usually used in chats and on an instant messenger service).

BTW

by the way

B<sub>2</sub>B

## Business to Business

C&V

Chapter & Verse. Used in newsgroups.

cya



see you, used as a goodbye.

CU

see you, used as a goodbye.

CYS

Check your settings. A phrase often said by technical support staff of a certain Australian ISP.

# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Question

FFS



for fuck's sake!

FOAF

friend of a friend, i.e. the dubious attribution given to urban legends

FYI

for your information

G2G

got to go. Used in chatrooms.

GAGF



go and get fucked

GFY

good for you or go fuck yourself. The use of this acronym is  
ambiguous and not recommended.

GG

good going or good game. Used sincerely in online games such as trivia, but more often used sarcastically when someone has done something foolish.

GJ

Good Job

HAND



have a nice day

HTH

hope this helps

IANAL

I am not a lawyer. Usually used before a non-lawyer gives  
legal advice, as a humorous disclaimer.

IANARS

I am not a rocket scientist

IC



I see, also, in character in MUDs and role-playing games .

ICYDK / ICYDN /  
ICUDK

In case you didn't know.

IIRC

if I recall correctly c.f. ISTR

IMHO

in my humble opinion / in my honest opinion

IMO



in my opinion

IMNSHO

in my not-so-humble opinion

# IRC

## Internet Relay Chat

IRL

in real life. Used in MUD settings.

ISTR



I seem to recall (i.e. I'm not really sure) c.f. IIRC

IYDMMMA

if you don't mind me asking, for ex., IYDMMA, are you a  
virgin?

JJ or JK (j/k)

just joking, just kidding

Joo

synonym of you. Also spelled joo with a lower case j and two zeroes rather than two O's.

JOOC



just out of curiosity

k

short for OK

18

a shorthand spelling of late.

18r

a shorthand spelling of later, meaning see you later (see leet )

LIEK



synonym of like, as in I like that website.

# LMAO

laughing my ass off

LOL

laughing out loud, or lots of laughs (a reply to something  
amusing)

MYOB

mind your own business

NM (n/m)



never mind or not much

NOYB

none of your business

NP

No Problem

NSFW

Not safe for work. Material (pictures, webpages) not suitable for the office, but for the home instead. Used by Fark . See SFW.

NT



No Text, used on Internet forums or Usenet to indicate that  
a post has no content

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O

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oh

OIC

oh, I see

OMG

Exclamation, Oh my God!!

OMFG



Exclamation, Oh my fucking God!!

OMFL

Exclamation, Oh my fucking lag!

OOC

out-of-character. Used on MUDs and other role-playing games . Also, out of curiosity.

OT

off topic

OTOH



on the other hand

own

to defeat someone (used commonly when playing Counter-Strike ) or to humiliate someone tactically in a debate; something that is extremely cool (ex. BMWs totally own)

PFO

please fuck off

# PITA

pain in the ass

PO (PO'd)



piss off (pissed off)

prog

computer program (progz in plural)

prolly

contracted form of probably

plz

shorthand spelling of please

Pwn



step up of the word own. To Pwn something means to have complete control over it, and to be Pwned by something means to be dominated by it. (see leet )

P<sub>2</sub>P

## Person to Person

qoolz

something that is cool in the American sense.

R

shorthand spelling of are

RL



real life. Used in MUD settings.

ROFL (or ROTFL)

rolling on the floor laughing (a reply to something  
extremely amusing).

ROFLMAO (or  
ROTFLMAO)

rolling on the floor laughing my ass off

**roxorz**

leet speaks for rocks

# RTFA



read the fucking article applies mostly to Slashdot threads,  
for users who make comments on a story without having  
read it first.

RTFM

read the fucking manual (often sanitized to read the fine manual). The frequent reply to a request for basic help from newbies who have not attempted to find the answer for themselves.

RU

Are You?

## R8

right

SFW



Safe for work. Material (pictures, webpages) that is safe for the office. Used by Fark . See NSFW.

STFU

shut the fuck up

**SUXORS**

leet speak for sucks

TBH

to be honest

thx



shorthand spelling of thanks - this can be combined into

kthx (OK, thanks), plzkthx (Please, OK, thanks), and

kthxbye (OK, thanks, goodbye)

TTFN

Ta Ta For Now

TIA

thanks in advance

TTYL

talk to you later

U



a shorthand spelling of you

ur

a shorthand spelling of you're

w/e

slang/abbreviation for whatever

w/o

without

WDUWTA



what do u wanna talk about?

WTF

what the fuck?

YMMV

Your mileage may vary (you may see different results)

woot

exclamation of excitement or happiness; closely related to,  
hell yea! (short for woohoo) or We Owned the Other Team

w8



shorthand spelling of wait.

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<3

love (made from the ASCII-art heart between the less than symbol and the three). Ex: I <3 you.

2B

To be

## 4

for

cluebie



a newbie with a clue, but not close to a guru.

guru

an expert in some technical topic, such as as C  
programming or Unix system administration

# FAQ

frequently asked question, or a list of frequently asked questions with answers. Never seems to be written in small letters.

flamer

one who 'flames'; To rant on about some relatively uninteresting subject or with a patently ridiculous attitude or with hostility towards a particular person or group of people.

hijack



go offtopic. done commonly by newbies in forums.

troll

a person who deliberately stirs up trouble (see article).

lurker

one who reads an email list or a message board but does not  
participate in the discussion.

newbie

a new user. Not a pejorative term (but see RTFM,  
preceding).

noob



a new user. Also spelled noob, with two zeroes rather than  
two O's

# Bibliography I

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