

“CYBERSLANG” OR THE LANGUAGE USED BY THE INTERNET USERS (M – Z)

Corina Mihaela Geană

Assist. Ph. D., University of Craiova

Abstract: Our article refers to the language used especially by teenagers within the virtual environment. Nevertheless, this language is slowly making its way into our everyday lives. A significant proportion of these expressions, most of them being acronyms, has been officially acknowledged by linguists and included in various dictionaries, precisely to facilitate the comprehension of these abbreviations by amateurs in the online environment. It has practically come to the emergence of a new type of language, which is used by young people and which the adults cannot understand. This is “cyberslang”.

Keywords: slang, Internet, abbreviation, syllable, number.

This survey is a follow-up to my previous article “*Cyberslang*” or the Language Used by the Internet Users (A-L). As the domain of the English slang words used by the Internet users is bountiful, this article comprises terms, arranged alphabetically, from M to Z. We have tried to render a list, as comprehensible as possible, comprising a variety of slang expressions. Each expression is explained and the explanation of the abbreviated word is given between brackets. We have had as a reference book “*Dicționar de argou englez-român*”¹. Here are some examples:

- *m* (abr. from *am*) = the present form of the verb *to be*, first person singular.
- *m\$* (abr. from *Microsoft*)
- *m\$wxp* (abr. from *Microsoft Windows XP*) = the Microsoft Windows XP Programme.
- *m&d* (abr. from *mom and dad*) = my folks, mother and father.
- *m2 / me2* (abr. from *me too*) = I, as well.
- *m473s / m473z* (abr. from *friends*) = pals, buddies.
- *m8 / m8t* (abr. from *mate*) = friend, pal; roommate, classmate.
- *m9* (abr. from *mine*) = my own.
- *mabby / mabe / mayb* (abr. from *maybe*) = perhaps, probably.
- *marvie / marvy* (abr. from *marvelous*) = cool, great, awesome.
- *mb* (abr. from *my bad*) = my fault!; sorry!
- *Mcds* (abr. from *Mcdonalds*) = the McDonald’s fast food joints.
- *messg* (abr. from *message*) = text, e-mail.
- *m / f* (abr. from *male or female*) = man or woman.
- *miid* (abr. from *my internet is down*) = my internet is not working.
- *mof* (abr. from *matter of fact*) = actually, in fact.
- *mol* (abr. from *more or less*) = pretty much, varying.
- *mompl* (abr. from *moment please*) = one second, please!
- *moro* (abr. from *tomorrow*).
- *msngr* (abr. from *messenger*) = the chat programme called “Messenger”.
- *mtg* (abr. from *meeting*) = appointment.
- *mty* (abr. from *empty*) = bare.
- *mu* (abr. from *miss you*) = I am missing you.
- *mwf* (abr. from *married white female*) = married Caucasian woman.

¹Volceanov, George, Nicolae, Raluca, Volceanov, George Paul, *Dicționar de argou englez-român*, Niculescu Publishing House, Bucharest, 2015

- *myob* (abr. from *mind your own business*) = None of your business!
- *n* (abr. from *and*).
- *n00s* (abr. from *news*) = stories.
- *n199312* / *n1994* (abr. from *African American*) = negro, black person.
- *n2* (abr. from *into*) = onto, inside.
- *n2g* (abr. from *not too good*) = not so great.
- *n2m* (abr. from *not too much*) = not so much.
- *naa* (abr. from *not at all*) = absolutely not.
- *n/a/s/l* (abr. from *name, age, sex, location*).
- *naw-t* (abr. from *naughty*) = scamp, mischievous.
- *nb* (abr. from *not bad*) = not too bad!; it works!
- *nbd* (abr. from *no big deal*) = no fuss.
- *nbdy* (abr. from *nobody*) = no one.
- *n/c* (abr. from *no comment*) = without question.
- *nc* (abr. from *not cool*) = not so great.
- *ne* / *n e* (abr. from *any*) = whatever, whichever.
- *ne* (abr. from *anyone*) = anybody.
- *neday* (abr. from *any day*) = on any given day.
- *nefing* / *nethin* / *nething* / *nthg* / *nthin* / *nthn* / *ntn* (abr. from *nothing*).
- *neva* / *nevah* / *nevar* / *nevarz* / *nvr* (abr. from *never*) = not ever.
- *neway* (abr. from *anyway*) = whatever, however.
- *nj* (abr. from *nice job*) = well done!, good job!, nice work!
- *njoy* (abr. from *enjoy*) = I wish you joy of him/her/it.
- *nk* (abr. from *no kidding*) = really?, are you serious?
- *nm* (abr. from *not much*) = not that much.
- *nmbr* (abr. from *number*) = amount, proportion.
- *nn* (abr. from *nighty night*) = sleep tight!, good night!
- *nnaa* (abr. from *no, not at all*) = no, not a bit.
- *no1* (abr. from *no one*) = no / none.
- *no pro!* / *np* (abr. from *no problem!*) = all right!, don't worry!
- *noty* / *nty* (abr. from *no, thank you*) = no, thanks!
- *noub* (abr. from *none of your business*) = no concern of yours!, stay out of this!
- *npe* (abr. from *nope*) = no, no.
- *ns* (abr. from *nice*) = sweet, gentle, good.
- *ntmu* / *ntmy* (abr. from *nice to meet you*) = glad to know you.
- *ntrly* (abr. from *not really*) = not exactly.
- *nu* (abr. from *new*) = fresh, latest.
- *nw* / *nwy* (abr. from *no way*) = under no circumstances!, that's out of the question!
- *nxt* (abr. from *next*) = the following, the upcoming.
- *oaoa* (abr. from *over and over again*) = again and again.
- *obj* (abr. from *object*) = item, thing.
- *occ* (abr. from *occupation*) = job.
- *od* (abr. from *overdose*) = drug overdose.
- *oe* (abr. from *or else*) = otherwise ..., if not ...
- *of10* / *ofn* (abr. from *often*) = frequently, regularly.
- *ofc* (abr. from *of course*) = certainly, surely.
- *omg* / *omg's* / *z'omg* / *zomg* / *zomgzorrrz* (abr. from *oh, my God*) = oh Lord.
- *op* (abr. from *operator*) = controller.
- *orgy* (abr. from *orgasm*) = climax.
- *orlsx* (abr. from *oral sex*) = blow job.

- *o rly / orly* (*abr. from oh, really*) = seriously?, honestly?
- *opt* (*abr. from on the phone*) = on the line, speaking.
- *ova* (*abr. from over*) = upon, beyond.
- *owt* (*abr. from out*) = outside, I am gone.
- *o/y* (*abr. from oh, yeah*) = yes?, no kidding!
- *p3n0r / p33n / p3n15 / p3n1s / peanus / pen0r / pen15 / pns / pnus* (*abr. from penis*) = dick.
- *pbly / probly / probz / proly / prollz* (*abr. from probably*) = perhaps, maybe.
- *pf* (*abr. from profile*) = user profile.
- *ph#* (*abr. from phone number*) = telephone number.
- *pic* (*abr. from picture*) = photo, photograph.
- *pix* (*abr. from pictures*) = photos, photographs.
- *pleaz / pleez / pleeze / pleze / pliz / plox / ploxxorz / pls(e) / plz* (*abr. from please*) = I am asking you.
- *pooter / puter* (*abr. from computer*) = PC.
- *pov* (*abr. from point of view*) = standpoint.
- *ppl / ppls / pplz* (*abr. from people*) = folks, world.
- *pr0* (*abr. from professional*) = expert.
- *pr0n / prn* (*abr. from porn*) = pornography.
- *prblm / prob* (*abr. from problem*) = bad situation.
- *prfct* (*abr. from perfect*) = great, excellent.
- *prsn* (*abr. from person*) = individual, human being.
- *prty* (*abr. from party*) = shindig, celebration.
- *prvrt* (*abr. from pervert*) = sexual deviant.
- *puh-leaze* (instead of *please*) = I am asking you.
- *ql / qte* (*abr. from cool*) = great, awesome.
- *qt / qte* (*abr. from cutie*) = sweetie, baby doll, darling.
- *r* (*abr. from are*) = the present form of the verb *to be*, second person singular and the plural form of all the other persons.
- *rdy* (*abr. from ready*) = all set.
- *re 1.* (*abr. from reply*) = answer, to answer; 2. with the variant *rehi!* (*abr. from hello again*) = hi again.
- *rele / rlly / rly* (*abr. from really*) = seriously?, honestly?
- *rentz* (*abr. from parents*) = folks, mom and dad.
- *rgr! / roj!* (*abr. from roger!*) = copy that!, positive!
- *rite! / ryt! / ryte!* (*abr. from right*) = exactly!, that's right!
- *rjct* (*abr. from reject*) = to repel.
- *rl* (*abr. from real life*) = real world.
- *rlz* (*abr. from rules*) = regulation.
- *rize* (*abr. from realize*) = to figure out.
- *rm* (*abr. from room*) = chamber.
- *rmr* (*abr. from remember*) = to remind.
- *rnt* (*abr. from aren't*) = the negative form of the present tense of the verb *to be*, second person singular and the plural form of all the other persons.
- *rol* (*abr. from rolling over laughing*) = to die laughing.
- *rong / wrng* (*abr. from wrong*) = incorrect, inaccurate.
- *ru* (*abr. from are you*) = the interrogative form of the present tense of the verb *to be*, second person singular and the plural form of all the other persons.
- *ruk? / ruok?* (*abr. from are you ok?*) = are you alright?, are you hurt?
- *ruk!* (*abr. from are you kidding me!*) = you are joking!, are you mocking me?
- *rumf* (*abr. from are you male or female?*) = are you a man or a woman?

- *s* (abr. from *smile*) = to smile.
- s2u (abr. from *same to you*) = you too.
- s3x (abr. from *sex*) = gender; intercourse.
- s/b (abr. from *should be*) = it ought to be.
- sbt (abr. from *sorry bout that*) = I am sorry to hear that.
- scool / skewl / skl / skool / skoul / skwl (abr. from *school*) = college.
- scrilla (instead of *money*) = bucks.
- scrt (abr. from *secret*) = secrecy, mystery.
- secks / seks / sexx0rz / sx / sxs (instead of *sex*) = gender; intercourse.
- secksea / secksy / sexc / sexe / sexi / sexii / shexy / shmexy / sxc / sxcy / sxi / sxy (instead of *sexy*) = attractive, fetching.
- sed (abr. from *said*) = the Past Tense and Past Participle of the verb *to say*.
- sexilicious (abr. from *very sexy*) = a total hottie, super-hot.
- sez (abr. from *says*) = the present form of the verb *to say*, third person singular.
- sfe (abr. from *safe*) = in the clear, secure.
- sfsg (abr. from *so far, so good*) = this is ok for now.
- sgb (abr. from *straight / gay / bisexual*) = heterosexual / homosexual / bi.
- sh (abr. from *shit happens*) = you are in big trouble!, tough break!
- shd / shld / shud (abr. from *should*) = supposed to.
- shiat / shiet (abr. from *shit*) = crap, God damn it!
- shite / shiz / sht / shyat (instead of *shit*) = crap, God damn it!
- sho! / shure! (abr. from *sure*) = of course!, certainly!
- shuddup! / shup! / su! (abr. from *shut up*) = zip your lip!, shut your mouth!
- sif (abr. from *as if*) = as though, just like.
- sig / siggy (abr. from *signature*) = signing.
- sis (abr. from *sister*).
- s.i.t. (abr. from *stay in touch*) = keep in touch.
- sked (abr. from *schedule*) = agenda, timetable.
- slng (abr. from *slang*) = lingo.
- slo (abr. from *slow*) = slowly, gradually.
- slp (abr. from *sleep*).
- sm1 / som1 / some1 / sum1 / sumone (abr. from *someone*) = somebody.
- smthin / smthng/ som'm / sth / sthing / sumfin / summin / sumthin' / sumtin (abr. from *something*).
- smtm (abr. from *some time*) = some day, at some point.
- s.o.a.b. / soab (abr. from *son of a bitch*) = scumbag, a sleazy person.
- s'ok / sok / sokay (abr. from *it's okay*) = it's all right, it's fine.
- sorreh! (instead of *sorry*) = excuse me!, I apologize!
- sorta (abr. from *sort of*) = something like that.
- sowi! / sowwy! / soz! / srry! / sry! / sz! (abr. from *sorry*) = excuse me!, I apologize!
- spk (abr. from *speak*) = to talk.
- s'pose (abr. from *suppose*) = to assume, to believe.
- srch (abr. from *search*) = to look for; quest.
- srly / srsly / srzly (abr. from *seriously*) = really?, yeah?
- stff (abr. from *stuff*) = issues, matters, things.
- stpd / stupd (abr. from *stupid*) = dumb, silly.
- str8 (abr. from *straight*) = directly, head-on.
- suka (abr. from *sucker*) = a loser, a gullible person.
- suksz / sux! / sux0rz! / suxor! / suxors! / suxorz! / suxx! / suxxor! (abr. from *sucks*) = an embarrassment, an awful thing.

- *sul / syl / syl8r* (abr. from *see you later*) = I'll see you soon.
- *s'up / sup* (abr. from *what is up*) = what's the matter?, is something wrong?
- *supa* (abr. from *super*) = cool, excellent.
- *sus / sys* (abr. from *see you soon*) = I'll be seeing you!
- *sut* (abr. from *see you tomorrow*) = until tomorrow!
- *svn* (abr. from *seven*).
- *sw* (abr. from *so what*) = what about it?
- *swf* (abr. from *single white female*) = Caucasian woman, no-strings-attached.
- *swm* (abr. from *single white male*) = Caucasian man, no-strings-attached.
- *swt* (abr. from *sweet*) = cute, nice.
- *t#3 / t3h / teh / tha* (instead of *the*) = the definite article *the*.
- *t2m* (abr. from *talk to me*) = say something!
- *t2ul / t2ul8r / ttul / ttul8r / tlk2ul8r / ttyp / ttyp8r / ttywl* (abr. from *talk to you later*) = we'll talk later!
- *t4a* (abr. from *thanks for asking*) = thank you for asking!
- *t8st* (abr. from *taste*) = flavour.
- *t/a* (abr. from *try again*) = keep trying!
- *ta* (abr. from *thanks again*) = reiterate my thanks!
- *taht / tat / tht* (abr. from *that*) = a remote demonstrative.
- *tai* (abr. from *think about it*) = think again!
- *tal!* (abr. from *thanks a lot*) = many thanks!
- *tanq / thankies / thankx / thku / thnx / thx! / thxx! / thz! / tks! / tku! / tnz / tnz / tq / tu! / tx / txs / ty* (abr. from *thank you / thanks*) = I appreciate.
- *tat2* (abr. from *tattoo*) = tat.
- *tau / tay* (abr. from *thinking about you*) = I am thinking of you.
- *tbc* (abr. from *to be continued*) = will follow.
- *tc* (abr. from *take care*) = pay attention!, be careful!
- *tgibt* (abr. from *too good to be true*).
- *thar / thr* (abr. from *there*).
- *thn* (abr. from *then*) = afterwards.
- *think* (abr. from *think*) = to consider.
- *thr4* (abr. from *therefore*) = so, consequently.
- *tix* (abr. from *tickets*) = passes.
- *tlk* (abr. from *talk*) = to speak, to discuss.
- *tmai / tmbi* (abr. from *tell me about it*) = you are telling me?
- *tmmmrw / tmoro / tmoz / tnr / tmrrw / tmrw / tmrz / tomm* (abr. from *tomorrow*) = the following day.
- *tmtt* (abr. from *tell me the truth*) = tell me frankly!
- *tn1* (abr. from *trust no one*) = never trust anybody!
- *tok* (abr. from *that's ok*) = that's all right!
- *totl* (abr. from *total*) = complete, entire.
- *totp* (abr. from *talking on the phone*) = I'm on the line.
- *trani tranny* (abr. from *transsexual*) = transgender.
- *trble* (abr. from *trouble*) = distress, misfortune.
- *trd* (abr. from *tired*) = exhausted, fatigued.
- *trns18* (abr. from *translate*).
- *tru* (abr. from *true*) = real, actual.
- *tty* (abr. from *talk to you*) = we'll be in touch!
- *tut* (abr. from *take your time*) = take it easy!
- *tvm!* (abr. from *thanks very much*) = thanks a lot!

- *twg* (*abr.* from *that was great*) = awesome!, cool!, amazing!
- *twtr* (*abr.* from *twitter*) = the social network Twitter.
- *txt* (*abr.* from *text*) = script, wording.
- *tym / tyme* (*abr.* from *time*).
- *typo* (*abr.* from *typing mistake*) = spelling mistake.
- *u2u* (*abr.* from *up to you*) = it's on you; as you wish.
- *u'd* (*abr.* from *you would*) = the auxiliary verb which enters the construction of the conditional mood, second person singular, followed by the infinitive of another verb.
- *u/l* (*abr.* from *upload*) = to load a file on the internet.
- *ul* (*abr.* from *unlucky*) = unfortunate.
- *u'll* (*abr.* from *you will*) = the auxiliary verb which enters the construction of the future tense, the indicative mood, second person singular, followed by the infinitive of another verb.
- *u/n* (*abr.* from *username*) = user.
- *un4rtun8ly* (*abr.* from *unfortunately*) = sadly.
- *u'r / ure / yer* (*abr.* from *you're*) = you are.
- *ur / yor / yur* (*abr.* from *your*) = the possessive adjective, second person singular or plural.
- *urs* (*abr.* from *yours*) = the possessive pronoun, second person singular or plural.
- *utube / y2b* (*abr.* from *youtube*) = Youtube.
- *vf* (*abr.* from *very funny*) = very amusing.
- *vgl* (*abr.* from *very good looking*) = very attractive, very appealing.
- *vn* (*abr.* from *very nice*) = very lovely.
- *vry* (*abr.* from *very*) = really, pretty.
- *vwd* (*abr.* from *very well done*) = nice work!
- *vzit* (*abr.* from *visit*) = visitation; to visit.
- *w / wid / wit* (*abr.* from *with*) = the conjunction *with*.
- *w012d* (instead of *word*).
- *w2g / wtg* (*abr.* from *way to go*) = well done!
- *w33d* (*abr.* from *weed*) = marijuana.
- *w8* (*abr.* from *wait*) = to await.
- *w8am / wam* (*abr.* from *wait a minute*) = hold on a minute!
- *w8t4me* (*abr.* from *wait for me*) = await me!
- *wad / wadzup / was? / wasup? / wat's? / wats? / watz? / waz? / wazza? / wazzup? / w'sup? / wuza? / wuzup?* (*abr.* from *what's up?*) = what's the matter?
- *wat? / wht? / whut? / wot? / wut?* (*abr.* from *what?*) = what is it?
- *watev / wateva / watevr / watevs / w.e. / wev / wevr / weve+ / whatever / whatever / whatever / whatever / whatever / whatever / wotevs / wtv / wtva / wtvr / wutevr* (*abr.* from *whatever*) = whichever; all right!
- *wau / wbu / wby* (*abr.* from *what about you?*) = how about you?
- *wc* (*abr.* from *who cares*) = who gives a damn?
- *wd* (*abr.* from *well done*) = nice work!
- *wdum / wdim* (*abr.* from *what do you mean*) = what's your point?
- *webby* (*abr.* from *webcam*) = web camera.
- *welc! / wlc / wlcw* (*abr.* from *welcome!*) = hello there!
- *wen / wn* (*abr.* from *when*).
- *w/end / wkend* (*abr.* from *weekend*) = end of the week.
- *wfm* (*abr.* from *works for me*) = that's fine with me!
- *whevah* (*abr.* from *wherever*) = anywhere, any place.
- *whodi* (*abr.* from *friend*) = pal, buddy.
- *whr?* (*abr.* from *where?*).

- *wio / w/out* (*abr.* from *without*) = out of.
- *wiyp / wyp?* (*abr.* from *what is your problem*) = what's wrong with you?
- *wk* (*abr.* from *week*) = seven days.
- *wkd* (*abr.* from *wicked*) = evil, villain, maleficent.
- *wl* (*abr.* from *will*) = the auxiliary verb which enters the construction of the future tense.
- *wld / wud / wuld* (*abr.* from *would*) = the auxiliary verb which enters the construction of the present conditional mood.
- *wrk* (*abr.* from *work*) = labour; to labour.
- *w/u* (*abr.* from *with you*) = to you, with yourself.
- *wuv* (*abr.* from *love*) = romance.
- *wuz* (*abr.* from *was*) = the past tense form of the verb *to be*, first and third person singular.
- *wy / y* (*abr.* from *why?*).
- *wyn?* (*abr.* from *what's your name?*) = what do they call you?
- *xbf* (*abr.* from *ex-boyfriend*) = former boyfriend.
- *xcept / xcpt* (*abr.* from *except*) = apart from, with the exception of.
- *xellent / xlnt* (*abr.* from *excellent*) = wonderful, fantastic.
- *xfer* (*abr.* from *transfer*) = translocation; to relocate.
- *xgf* (*abr.* from *ex-girlfriend*) = former girlfriend.
- *xit* (*abr.* from *exit*) = outing.
- *xmpl* (*abr.* from *example*) = instance, illustration.
- *xox / xoxo* (*abr.* from *hugs and kisses*) = kisses and cuddles.
- *xp* (*abr.* from *experience*) = practice; to experience something.
- *xpect / xpt* (*abr.* from *expect*) = to hope for.
- *xplaned* (*abr.* from *explained*) = clarified, settled.
- *xs* (*abr.* from *excess*) = surplus, oversupply.
- *xtra* (*abr.* from *extra*) = in addition, plus.
- *x treme / xtreme* (*abr.* from *extreme*) = super, highly.
- *y00 / yew / yooh / yu* (*abr.* from *you*) = the personal pronoun, second person singular and plural.
- *ya / ye / yea / yh* (*abr.* from *yeah*) = yes.
- *yaw / yw* (*abr.* from *you're welcome*) = my pleasure, gladly.
- *yay / yayo* = cocaine.
- *yim* (*abr.* from *yahoo instant messenger*) = the yahoo instant messenger programme.
- *yk* (*abr.* from *you kidding*) = you're joking!
- *yn / ynt* (*abr.* from *why not*).
- *yng* (*abr.* from *young*) = junior, youthful.
- *youngin* (*abr.* from *young person*) = youngster.
- *yr* (*abr.* from *year*).
- *zex* = sex.
- *zig* (*abr.* from *cigarette*) = cigar.

With the advent of the Internet, a new language has emerged. The language used by the Internet users comprises a multitude of abbreviations, in an attempt to simplify the writing as much as possible. Acronyms, abbreviations, coined terms represent to a large extent the language used by children and teenagers on the social networks, sites, blogs or message boards. We shouldn't be so surprised, taking into consideration the fact that the online environment is growing rapidly and that the users of this oral online means of communication are in fact the former users of written communication. Therefore, we can rightly say that this new type of language is mainly due to the new technologies.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English. 6th Edition, Published by Pearson Education Limited, 2014

Oxford Idioms. Dictionary for Learners of English, Oxford University Press, 2006

Trofin, Aurel, *Dicționar englez-român. Expresii idiomatice și locuțiuni*, Scientific Publishing House, Bucharest, 1996

Volceanov, George, Nicolae, Raluca, Volceanov, George Paul, *Dicționar de argou englez-român*, Niculescu Publishing House, Bucharest, 2015