

E-Mail Acronyms

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E-mail has brought us not only quicker and painless communication, but also a shorthand for keystrokes. Talk about impatience. For those who find that typing out certain common phrases is needlessly slow, here is a list from *The Elements of E-mail Style*, an Internet bible of sorts. Makes one wonder what the meaning of literacy may be in the future: someone who can string together a group of acronyms? FYA & FWIW, CUL.*

ACRONYM EXPRESSION

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BRB	Be right back
BTW	By the way
CUL	See you later
F2F	Face to face
FWIW	For what it's worth
FYA	For your amusement
FYI	For your information
GD&R	Grinning, ducking, and running
GMTA	Great minds think alike
HHOK	Ha, ha, only kidding
IMHO	In my humble opinion
IOW	In other words
LOL	Laughing out loud
OBTW	Oh, by the way
OIC	Oh, I see
ROFL	Rolling on the floor laughing
SO	Significant other
TIA	Thanks in advance
TTFN	Ta-ta for now
WB	Welcome back
WRT	With respect to
WTG	Way to go

- Some acronyms hold potential misunderstanding or unintended humor in non-English languages. CUL, for example, in French is a curt term for one's posterior.

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