



1992: First text message sent



FYI! (For your information)

Ever since the boosting sales of smartphones, text language has become part of almost everybody's life.

This means of communication is so widespread that a 13-year-old Scottish teenager even handed out an essay about her holidays by using text language only. She was very disappointed since she didn't go to New York to visit her brother: her smmr hols wr CWOT! (Her summer holidays were a complete waste of time!).

Teaching ideas

- ★★★ **CYCLE 4** - Write a few text messages on the board and ask students to decrypt their meaning? For example: CU (see you), gr8 (great), PLZ (please), THX (thanks)...
- ★★★ **CYCLE 4** - Ask students to write a text message on a piece of paper and put it in a basket. Each student picks out one message and tries to guess what it means.
- ★★★ **LYCÉE** - Ask students to make a survey on the hold of new technologies in their classmates' routine.
- ★★★ **LYCÉE** - Have students work in groups to discuss the effect of texting on writing skills. Ask a student from each group to report to the class about their ideas and experiences.