"CYBERSLANG" OR THE LANGUAGE USED BY THE INTERNET USERS (A–L)

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Abstract: Our article aims at focusing on different slang expressions connected with the Internet. With the advent of the Internet, we are witnessing the development of a new type of slang, namely the "cyberslang". This particular type of language gains ground by continually incorporating new words and expressions, from the point of view of their spelling. These words or expressions, each one more intriguing than the other, have worried the linguists who are struggling with the usage in order to maintain a literary language, as normal as possible. This is because, due to the pressure of the speakers, there have been many situations in which the usage has established the linguistic rule, regardless of different scientific situations.

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The Internet is more than a range of information which one can access, just like in a library. People create their own web pages, they are sending each other e-mails, they are talking to strangers in chatrooms, keep in touch with their friends through Messenger, subscribe in mailing lists, interact in virtual worlds, etc. The main characteristic of this kind of discussions is the abbreviation accomplished through different combinations of letters, which stand for certain syllables or numbers. The domain of the English slang words used by the Internet users is bountiful, so this article comprises terms, arranged alphabetically, from A to L. The rest of the expressions, from M to Z, will be the topic of our next survey. 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 *"Dicţionar de argou englez-român"*[1]. Here are some examples:

- *aamorf* (*abr.* from *as a matter of fact*) = actually.
- *absnt* (*abr.* from *absent*) = not present.
- *abt / abwt* (*abr.* from *about*) = regarding.
- *acc / acct* (*abr.* from *account*) = account (on the internet).
- *addy* = address.
- *admin* (*abr.* from *administrator*) = webmaster, network manager.
- *afaik* (*abr.* from *as far as I know*) = to my knowledge.
- *afc* (*abr.* from *away from computer*) = I am not on the computer.
- *agn* (*abr.* from *again*) = once more.
- *aight* (*abr.* from *alright*) = OK!
- *a/l* (*abr.* from *age and location*) = age and place.
- *anlsx* (*abr.* from *anal sex*) = buggery.
- *anon* (*abr.* from *anonymous*) = unknown.
- *anw* (*abr.* from *anyway*) = however.

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

- *any1* (*abr.* from *anyone*) = anybody.
- *apprece8/appreci8* (*abr.* from *appreciate*) = value.
- *appt* (*abr.* from *appointment*) = meeting.
- *aqap* (*abr.* from *as quick as possible*) = immediately.
- *arnd* (*abr.* from *around*) = about, approximately.
- *ashl/ashole* (*abr.* from *asshole*) = fool, dumb, idiot.
- *a/s/l,asl* (*abr.* from *age, sex and location*) = age, gender and place.
- *aslo* (*abr.* from *age, sex, location, orientation*) = age, gender, place, sexual orientation.
- *aslop* (*abr.* from *age, sex, location, orientation, picture*) = age, gender, place, sexual orientation, photo.
- *a/s/l/p, aslp* (*abr.* from *age, sex, location, picture*) = age, gender, place, photo.
- *atb* (*abr.* from *all the best*) = best wishes.
- *a3* (*abr.* from *anyplace, anywhere, anytime*) = at any location, any place, whenever.
- *attn* (*abr.* from *attention*) = consideration, concern.
- *avie/avvie/avy* (*abr.* from *avatar*) = a custom image, representative of each Internet user.
- *awes* (*abr.* from *awesome*) = really good.
- *awk* (*abr.* from *awkward*) = embarrassing, unpleasant.
- *ayk* (*abr.* from *are you kidding?*) = are you joking?
- *aykm* (*abr.* from *are you kidding me?*) = you are mocking me.
- *ayl* (*abr.* from *are you listening?*) = are you paying attention to me?
- *ayok* (*abr.* from *are you okay?*) = are you alright?
- *ays* (*abr.* from *are you serious?*) = really?
- *ayst* (*abr.* from *are you still there?*)
- *ayt* (*abr.* from *are you there?*)
- *ayte* (*abr.* from *alright!*) = OK!
- *bak/bakk* (*abr.* from *back*) = backwards.
- *b&/b@* (*abr.* from *banned*) = not allowed.
- *bb!* (*abr.* from *bye bye!*) = good bye!
- *bbe* (*abr.* from *baby*) = honey, sweetheart.
- *bbf* (*abr.* from *best boyfriend*) = the best friend.
- *bbiam/bbim* (*abr.* from *be back in a minute*) = I will return in a minute.
- *bbias* (*abr.* from *be back in a second*) = I will return in a second.
- *bbl/bbl8a* (*abr.* from *be back later*) = I will come back later.
- *bbs* (*abr.* from *be back soon*) = I will be right back.
- *bbt* (*abr.* from *be back tomorrow*) = = I will return tomorrow.
- *bc/b-cuz/bcuz/cos/cuz/cuzz* (*abr.* from *because*) = due to the fact that.
- *bch* (*abr.* from *bitch*) = mutt.
- *bck/bk* (*abr.* from *back*) = backwards.
- *b'day/b-day/bday* (*abr.* from *birthday*) = birth date.
- *be4* (*abr.* from *before*) = previously.
- *bettr/btr* (*abr.* from *better*) = greater, finer.
- *bf* (*abr.* from *boyfriend*) = pal, friend.

- *b.f.f.* (*abr.* from *best friends forever*) = pals forever.
- *bf+gf* (*abr.* from *boyfriend and girlfriend*)
- *b/g* (*abr.* from *background*) = vocational training.
- *bigd* (*abr.* from *big deal*) = big whoop!
- *bion* (*abr.* from *believe it or not*) = trust me or not.
- *bizi/bz/bzy/bzzy* (*abr.* from *busy*) = occupied, preoccupied.
- *bl* (*abr.* from *bad luck*) = bad fortune.
- *blg* (*abr.* from *blog*)
- *bn* (*abr.* from *been*) = the past participle of the verb *to be*.
- *bng* (*abr.* from *being*) = the continuous form of the verb *to be*.
- *bol* (*abr.* from *burst out laughing*) = burst into laughter.
- *bord* (*abr.* from *bored*) = tired of.
- *br* (*abr.* from *bathroom*) = toilet.
- *brb* (*abr.* from *be right back*) = I will return soon.
- *brgds* (*abr.* from *best regards*) = greetings.
- *b.s./bs* (*abr.* from *bullshit*) = nonsense, rubbish.
- *b/s/l* (*abr.* from *bisexual, straight, lesbian*) = bisexual/heterosexual/gay.
- *bstrd* (*abr.* from *bastard*) = jerk, creep.
- *bsx* (*abr.* from *bisexual*)
- *btfl* (*abr.* from *beautiful*) = handsome, pretty, nice.
- *b2u* (*abr.* from *back to you*) = I am back.
- *b2w* (*abr.* from *back to work*) = I came back on the job.
- *btw* (*abr.* from *by the way*) = apropos.
- *btwn* (*abr.* from *between*) = among.
- *bzns* (*abr.* from *business*) = matters, affairs, issues.
- *c* (*abr.* from *see*) = watch, look.
- *c2c* (*abr.* from *cam to cam*) = from camera to camera.
- *cbi* (*abr.* from *can't believe it*) = I can't imagine.
- *celly* (*abr.* from *cell phone*) = mobile phone.
- *cg!/grats* (*abr.* from *congratulations*) = greetings!, well done!
- *char/chr* (*abr.* from *character*) = figure, personage.
- *chat* = have a conversation on the Internet.
- *ch@* (*abr.* from *chat*) = have a conversation on the Internet.
- *chk* (*abr.* from *check*) = verify, search.
- *cihyn* (*abr.* from *can I have your number*) = can you give me your phone number?
- *cm* (*abr.* from *call me*) = give me a call.
- *cml, cml8r* (*abr.* from *call me later*) = give me a call later!
- *cmplcdd* (*abr.* from *complicated*) = difficult, hard, sophisticated.
- *cmplte* (*abr.* from *complete*) = total, whole.
- *cmptr/comp/compy* (*abr.* from *computer*)
- *cmt* (*abr.* from *comment*) = remark.
- *cn* (*abr.* from *can*) = be able to.
- *cnt* (*abr.* from *can't*) = not being able to.
- *col* (*abr.* from *crying out loud*) = cry one's heart out.
- *convo* (*abr.* from *conversation*) = small talk, chit-chat.

- *c-p* (*abr.* from *sleepy*) = dozed off.
- *cpy* (*abr.* from *copy*) = duplicate.
- *cr* (*abr.* from *can't remember*) = I can't recall.
- *csl* (*abr.* from *can't stop laughing*) = I can't help not laughing.
- *ct* (*abr.* from *can't talk*) = I am busy.
- *ctrl* (*abr.* from *control*) = checking, inspection.
- *cts* (*abr.* from *change the subject*) = talk about something else.
- *cu!/cya!/cyu!* (*abr.* from *see you*) = good bye!
- *cu2nit* (*abr.* from *see you tonight*) = we will meet tonight!
- *cu46* (*abr.* from *see you for sex*) = next time I see you, we are having sex.
- *cubi* (*abr.* from *can you believe it*) = can you imagine?
- *cw2cu* (*abr.* from *can't wait to see you*) = I am looking forward to seeing you.
- *cwot* (*abr.* from *complete waste of time*) = a huge waste of time.
- *Cyal/cyl/cyl8* (*abr.* from *see you later*) = meet up later!
- *cybl* (*abr.* rom *call you back later*) = let me get back to you.
- *cyt* (*abr.* from *see you tomorrow*) = I will meet you tomorrow.
- *dat* (*abr.* from *that*)
- *d8* (*abr.* from *date*) = appointment, rendezvous.
- *db* (*abr.* from *database*) = system.
- *dbm* (*abr.* from *don't bother me*) = don't give me a hard time.
- *dc* (*abr.* from *don't care*) = it doesn't matter to me.
- *dc'd* (*abr.* from *disconnected*) = no connection.
- *dctnry* (*abr.* from *dictionary*) = thesaurus.
- *deets* (instead of *details*) = particulars.
- *deez* (instead of *these*)
- *def/defs* (*abr.* from *definitely*) = certainly.
- *dem* (instead of *them*)
- *der* (instead of *there*)
- *dey* (instead of *they*)
- *diff* (*abr.* from *difference*) = distinction.
- *din/din't* (*abr.* from *didn't*) = the negative form of the past tense of the verb *to do*.
- *dis* (instead of *these*)
- *diy* (*abr.* from *do it yourself*) = you're on your own.
- *dju* (*abr.* from *did you*)
- *dk/dn/dno* (*abr.* from *don't know*) = I have no idea.
- *dkdc* (*abr.* from *don't know, don't care*) = I couldn't care less.
- *dl* (*abr.* from *download*) = unload.
- *d/m* (*abr.* from *doesn't matter*) = never mind.
- *dmaf* (*abr.* from *do me a favour*) = humor me.
- *dmi* (*abr.* from *don't mention it*) = you are welcome.
- *dmn!* (*abr.* from *damn*) = for God's sake!
- *dnd* (*abr.* from *do not disturb*)
- *dnt* (*abr.* from *don't*) = the negative form of the present tense of the verb *to do*.

- *dnw* (*abr.* from *do not want*) = I do not wish.
- *dob* (*abr.* from *date of birth*) = anniversary.
- *dprsd* (*abr.* from *depressed*) = sad, upset.
- *dsu* (*abr.* from *don't screw up*) = don't mess it up.
- *dts* (*abr.* from *don't think so*) = I don't really believe that.
- *dugi* (*abr.* from *do you get it?*) = do you understand?
- *duk/dyk* (*abr.* from *did you know?*)
- *dw!* (*abr.* from *don't worry*) = don't bother!
- *dwai* (*abr.* from *don't worry about it*) = don't bother!
- *dwbh* (*abr.* from *don't worry, be happy*) = don't bother, be glad!
- *dwi* (*abr.* from *deal with it*) = get used to it!
- *dwn* (*abr.* from *down*) = below.
- *dym* (*abr.* from *do you mind*) = does it bother you that …?
- *e4u2s* (*abr.* from *easy for you to say*) = you can say so, it's all very well for you.
- *eil* (*abr.* from *explode into laughter*) = burst into laughter.
- *emm* (*abr.* from *email me*) = send me an e-mail.
- *emo* (*abr.* from *emotional*) = excited, thrilled.
- *enat* (*abr.* from *every now and then*) = from time to time.
- *eoc* (*abr.* from *end of conversation*)
- *eod* (*abr.* from *end of day*)
- *eof* (*abr.* from *end of file*)
- *eom* (*abr.* from *end of message*)
- *eos* (*abr.* from *end of story*)
- *ev1/every1* (*abr.* from *everyone*) = everybody.
- *eva/evaa/evar/evr* (*abr.* from *ever*) = someday.
- *evn* (*abr.* from *even*) = right, really.
- *evry* (*abr.* from *every*) = each.
- *ex-bf* (*abr.* from *ex-boyfriend*) = former boyfriend.
- *ex-gf* (*abr.* from *ex-girlfriend*) = former girlfriend.
- *exp* (*abr.* from *experience*)
- *ez/ezi* (*abr.* from *easy*) = slow, simple.
- *f&e* (*abr.* from *forever and ever*) = for eternity.
- *f2f/ftf* (*abr.* from *face to face*) = in private.
- *f2t* (*abr.* from *free to talk*) = ready to discuss.
- *f8* (*abr.* from *fate*) = destiny.
- *f9/fi9* (*abr.* from *fine*) = good, OK.
- *f@* (*abr.* from *fat*) = overweight.
- *fam* (*abr.* from *family*)
- *faq* (*abr.* from *frequently asked question*)
- *f.b./fbk/fcbk* (*abr.* from *facebook*) = Facebook, a social network.
- *fcfs* (*abr.* from *first come first served*)
- *fio* (*abr.* from *figure it out*) = visualize, stay and watch.
- *fnny/fny* (*abr.* from *funny*) = hilarious, amusing.
- *fnpr* (*abr.* from *for no particular reason*) = without a reason.
- *foaf* (*abr.* from *friend of a friend*) = a mutual friend.

- *frgt* (*abr.* from *forgot*) = to forget (in the past tense).
- *fri* (*abr.* from *Friday*)
- *frk* (*abr.* from *freak*) = crazy, creepy.
- *frm* (*abr.* from *from*)
- *frnd* (*abr.* from *friend*) = companion, pal.
- *fs* (*abr.* from *for sure*) = certainly.
- *fst* (*abr.* from *fast*) = quick, quickly.
- *ft2t* (*abr.* from *time to time*) = every now and then.
- *fttp* (*abr.* from *for the time being*) = for now, at the moment.
- *fwd* (*abr.* from *forward*) = ahead; to send out a message.
- *fwm* (*abr.* from *fine with me*) = it suits me.
- **g** (*abr.* from *grin*) = to smirk.
- *g1* (*abr.* from *good one*) = nice one.
- *g2* (*abr.* from *go to*) = get to …
- *g2cu* (*abr.* from *glad to see you*) = nice to see you!
- *g2g* (*abr.* from *got to go*) = I have to go.
- *g2g2w* (*abr.* from *got to go to work*) = I have to go to work.
- *g9* (*abr.* from *good night*)
- *ga* (*abr.* from *go ahead*) = go on, get going.
- *gaalma* (*abr.* from *go away and leave me alone*) = beat it and let me alone.
- *gaj* (*abr.* from *get a job*) = just find a job.
- *gb* (*abr.* from go back)= I will return.
- *gb2* (*abr.* from *go back to*) = I am going back to …
- *gbu* (*abr.* from *god bless you*) = May God keep you safe!
- *gby!* (*abr.* from *good bye*) = bye-bye!
- *gd* (*abr.* from *good*)
- *gd4u!/gfy!* (*abr.* from *good for you*) = well done.
- *gded* (*abr.* from *grounded*) = punished, sentenced.
- *gf* (*abr.* from *girlfriend*)
- *gfx/grfx* (*abr.* from *graphics*) = artwork.
- *gj* (*abr.* from *good job*) = great, nice job.
- *gl* (*abr.* from *good luck*) = good fortune!
- *gl hf* (*abr.* from *good luck, have fun*) = good luck and have a great time!
- *gm* (*abr.* from *good morning*)
- *gmab* (*abr.* from *give me a break*) = spare me!
- *gn/gn8/g'nite/gnight* (*abr.* from *good night*)
- *gng2* (*abr.* from *going to*) = on the way to …
- *gol* (*abr.* from *giggle out loud*) = to amuse oneself.
- *gp* (*abr.* from *good point*) = point well taken!
- *gr8/gr8t* (*abr.* from *great*) = awesome, terrific.
- *grl* (*abr.* from *girl*)
- *gtty* (*abr.* from *good talking to you*) = nice talking to you.
- *gy* (*abr.* from *gay*) = homosexual.
- *h&k/h+k* (*abr.* from *hugs and kisses*) = kisses and cuddles.
- *h8/h8t* (*Abr.* from *hate*) = detest.
- *h8u/i8u* (*abr.* from *I hate you*) = I detest you.

- *hagd* (*abr.* from *have a good day*) = have a nice day!
- *hayd* (*abr.* from *how are you doing*) = how are you?
- *hbd* (*abr.* from *happy birthday*)
- *hbu/hby* (*abr.* from *how about you*) = and you?
- *hcihy* (*abr.* from *how can I help you*) = what can I do for you?
- *hf* (*abr.* from *have fun*) = enjoy yourself!
- *hght/hiet* (*abr.* from *height*) = altitude.
- *hll* (*abr.* from *hell*) = inferno.
- *hlo!* (*abr.* from *hello*)
- *hlp* (*abr.* from *help*)
- *h/mo* (*abr.* from *homo*) = gay.
- *hmw/hmwk/hmwrk* (*abr.* from *homework*)
- *hngry* (*abr.* from *hungry*) = famished.
- *h.o.* (*abr.* from *hold on*) = hold up!
- *hoas* (*abr.* from *hang on a second*) = just a minute!
- *hppy/hpy* (*abr.* from *happy*)
- *hpybdy* (*abr.* from *happy birthday*)
- *hr* (*abr.* from *hour*)
- *hre* (*abr.* from *here*)
- *hru* (*abr.* from *how are you*) = how are you doing?
- *hun* (*abr.* from *honey*) = dear, darling.
- *hv/hve* (*abr.* from *have*)
- *hvnt* (*abr.* from *haven't*)
- *iab* (*abr.* from *I am bored*) = I am tired of.
- *iai* (*abr.* from *I am interested*) = I want to know.
- *ians* (*abr.* from *I am not sure*) = I am uncertain.
- *iaspfm* (*abr.* from *I am sorry, please forgive me*)
- *iawy* (*abr.* from *I agree with you*) = I am with you.
- *ib/imb* (*abr.* from *I'm back*) = I've returned.
- *ibt* (*abr.* from *I'll be there*)
- *ibw* (*abr.* from *I'll be waiting*)
- *i c!/ic!* (*abr.* from *I see*) = I understand.
- *icb* (*abr.* from *I can't believe*) = I can't wrap my brain.
- *icbi* (*abr.* from *I can't believe it*) = I can't wrap my brain around this.
- *icbu/icby* (*abr.* from *I can't believe you*) = that's not possible.
- *icr* (*abr.* from *I can't remember*) = I do not recall.
- *ictrn* (*abr.* from *I can't talk right now*) = I am busy.
- *icty* (*abr.* from *I can't tell you*) = I cannot tell.
- *idc* (*abr.* from *I don't care*) = it doesn't matter to me.
- *idk/idno/ionno/iono* (*abr.* from *I don't know*) = I have no idea.
- *idkwym* (*abr.* from *I don't know what you mean*) = I have no idea what you are talking about.
- *idl* (*abr.* from *I don't like*) = I dislike.
- *idli* (*abr.* from *I don't like it*) = I dislike it.
- *idlu/idly* (*abr.* from *I don't like you*)
- *idm* (*abr.* from *I don't mind*) = it doesn't bother me.

- *idr* (*abr.* from *I don't remember*) = I do not recall.
- *idtkso/idts* (*abr.* from *I don't think so*) = I doubt it.
- *iff* (*abr.* from *if and only if*) = when and only when.
- *igs* (*abr.* from *I guess so*) = I think so.
- *ihni* (*abr.* from *I have no idea*) = I don't know.
- *ik* (*abr.* from *I know*)
- *ilcul8r* (*abr.* from *I'll see you later*) = meet up later.
- *ili* (*abr.* from *I love it*) = I really like it.
- *ilu2* (*abr.* from *I love you too*) = I also love you.
- *im* (*abr.* from *instant message*) = quick text.
- *imo* (*abr.* from *in my opinion*) = as far as I am concerned.
- *impov* (*abr.* from *in my point of view*) = as far as I am concerned.
- *imsry* (*abr.* from *I am sorry*) = I regret.
- *imu/iwmu/iwmy/imy* (*abr.* from *I miss you*)
- *in2* (*abr.* from *into*) = in, inside.
- *inet* (*abr.* from *Internet*)
- *ive* (*abr.* from *I have*)
- *j/a* (*abr.* from *just asking*) = it was just a question.
- *jas* (*abr.* from *just a second*) = just a moment.
- *jbu* (*abr.* from *just between us*) = it stays between us.
- *jc* (*abr.* from *just curious*) = I'm just wondering.
- *jfu* (*abr.* from *just for you*) = only for you.
- *jic* (*abr.* from *just in case*) = in any case.
- *jj/ jj/k* (*abr.* from *just joking*) = it was a joke.
- *j/k* (*abr.* from *just kidding*) =it was a joke.
- *jks* (*abr.* from *jokes*) = funnies.
- *jlma* (*abr.* from *just leave me alone*) = get off my back.
- *jom* (*abr.* from *just one minute*) = just a second!
- *k!/kay!* (*abr.* from *OK!*)
- *kah* (*abr.* from *kisses and hugs*) = kisses and cuddles.
- *kis* (*abr.* from *keep it simple*) = get to the point.
- *kno/knw* (*abr.* from *know*)
- *kss* (*abr.* from *kiss*)
- *kt* (*abr.* from *keep talking*) = go on.
- *kthz/ktnx* (*abr.* from *OK, thanks*)
- *kyfc* (*abr.* from *keep your fingers crossed*) = wish me luck!
- *LOL* (*abr.* from *laughing out loud*) = laughing hard.

The English slang words used by the Internet users are often problematic for a lay person in the internet chatrooms. The reasons why the internauts are using this encoded language are totally understandable: time saving, communication speed, the desire to conceal the meaning of certain messages, etc. If we can run through the virtual medium of communication, we could encounter tens of words which are totally unknown for an habitual speaker. Nevertheless, this online language tends to invade our everyday life. For example, South Korea is seriously considering introducing the Internet slang as a subject of study in schools, instead of the second foreign language which the children should learn. This initiative has also attracted a lot of

criticism on the part of the linguists who believe that, on the Internet, the language seems to be changing much easier than offline.

In conclusion, we believe that "cyberslang" can jeopardize the evolution of language, since it leads to the violation of any rules of spelling and punctuation. More often than not, these words are even used by pupils in their compositions. And this is because the younger generation is the category that is most using the Internet slang. That's why we should tell them that to communicate means not only to speak a language that is known by everyone, but also to follow the expression, spelling and punctuation rules.

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