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Sexting: Glossary of Terms

Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/>)

This is a picture and video sharing app which allows users to share images, make comments and post messages. Instagram also allows for stories to be shared. These tend to be short burst videos or “boomerangs”. Instagram boasts the number of followers a user has and there are functions that can be bought at relatively small cost to boost the number of followers. Accounts can be private in which case a user can only be followed if they agree to be followed by someone. Users can block and unfollow people. The distinction between public and private sharing of content on Instagram is debateable, because some users have thousands of followers. It is not uncommon for young people to advertise their Instagram usernames publicly on other social media sites such as YouTube and Twitter, and invite people to follow them. Accounts that share content with large numbers of followers would more accurately be described as semi-public, especially given the relatively indiscriminate nature with which people are accepted as followers.

Periscope (<https://www.pscp.tv/>)

Periscope is a social networking platform developed by Twitter and launched in 2015. It is a live video streaming app’ used primarily on Smartphones. Users with a video-recording function on their ‘phone can broadcast videos in real time to either a fully public audience or a restricted subgroup of Periscope users. People viewing the live videos can ‘like’ the stream by clicking on a heart icon or comment on the videos in real time. Users also have the option to invite their own followers to join them in watching a particular video.

Snapchat (<https://www.snapchat.com/>)

This App makes it possible to share images or videos. The ‘snap’ is shared with a chosen person or group of people and then disappears after a few seconds. The length of time a snap can be made available can be altered. It is easy to take a screenshot of a snap and then this can be distributed. The sender of a snap will be notified if a screenshot has been taken. Snapchat has a facility to add various filters to a photograph or video and there are editing and text facilities. Any snap can be stored in the memories section of Snapchat.

Snapchat also allows for the sharing of Snapchat Stories in a sequence across a 24 hour period. Snapchat provides a reporting function. Snapchat users can block other users. It is also possible to have ‘typed’ conversations on Snapchat which are stored on the Smartphone.

Twitter (<https://twitter.com/>)

Twitter is a social networking service allowing people to exchange a short message, referred to as a “tweet”, and limited to 280 characters. Tweets can include photos and short videos. It is possible to have a private Twitter account and control who can see any tweets, but the vast majority of Twitter users choose to have public accounts. Twitter users can ‘follow’ the accounts of other Twitter users, enabling them to automatically receive messages posted from these accounts on a stream which appears on the app’ chronologically. A person who wishes to share another person’s tweet can ‘retweet’ the message, meaning that it is then shared with all of the people following the re-tweeter’s account. If this happens many times, it means that the original tweet ‘goes viral’. It will

be viewed by millions in a short space of time. This is not slowed even if the original tweet is deleted.

WhatsApp (<https://www.whatsapp.com/>)

This is a messaging service where users can share pictures, text or videos. These can be shared with one person or multiple users. Users can block other users. WhatsApp is an encrypted service. Users can adjust settings so that contacts will not know if a WhatsApp has been read or not. Usually if a photograph or video is sent via WhatsApp then it will be automatically saved in the photos app on a smartphone.

YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/>)

This is a video-sharing website which allows anyone to upload and share a video. Some such videos quickly go viral such as the inoffensive 'Charlie bit me'. People can visit YouTube either through a webpage (www.youtube.com) or through the YouTube app, which can be downloaded onto a Smartphone. People are able to browse through all of the videos available on YouTube by typing keywords into a search box. Although it is possible to upload content and restrict access, the vast majority of videos are made fully available to anyone browsing the site.

Teenage sext slang

The list produced here is not exhaustive. [The Urban Dictionary](#) may be a useful source when confronted with slang words or unusual acronyms.

2FFU – Too fast for you

9 – a parent is watching

ASL – Age Sex Location

Bae – this is the equivalent of 'babe' or 'babes' & before anyone else

Bruh – nickname for bro

BYOB – Bring your own booze

CBA – Can't be arsed

CU46 – see you for sex

Curve – to reject someone romantically

DIY – Do it yourself

Down in the DM – plans for an oncoming sexual liaison

DPMO – Don't piss me off

Emojis – It is becoming more and more common to use emojis in sexting and to join them together to make sentences

Fam – used for their closest friends

FBOI – A guy who wants sex

FFS – For fucks sake

FINSTA – Fake Instagram account

FML – Fuck my life

FWB – Friends with benefits

FYEO – For your eyes only

GOAT – greatest of all time

Gucci – something is good or cool

HMU – Hit me up

I'm weak – that was funny

IMHO – In my humble opinion

KMT – Kissing my teeth

KOTL – Kiss on the lips

Lit – cool or awesome

Low key – a warning that what a young person is saying is not necessarily something they want everyone to know

Netflix 'n Chill – is used on the pretence of meeting up to watch Netflix/TV together when actually planning to meet for sexual contact

NGL – not going to lie

NIFOC – naked in front of computer

PAL – Parents are listening

PAP – Post a picture

QTC – Quick to cum

RME – Rolling my eyes

Salty – to be bitter about something or someone; to be put out

Scrape out – to mind your own business

Shipping – Put people in a relationship together

Skurt – to go away or leave

Smash – casual sex

SMH – Shaking my head/So much hassle

Squad – a term for their friend group

TBH – to be honest

Thirsty – being desperate for something

WTF – What the fuck

WTTP – Want to trade pics?

WYDRN – What you doing right now?