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ENGLISH DAY – Texting Etiquette

MOBILE PHONES

1. **Mobile phones.**
   (1) Have you got a mobile phone?
   (2) Do you think mobile phones were a good invention?
   (3) How many messages do you send/receive a day?
   (4) Have you got a special code? Can you give an example?

2. **Can you understand the following messages?**

3. **Match the abbreviation with its meaning:**

R	later
BRB	for
THNX	today
4	great
2DAY	be right back
MSG	are
GR8	thanks
L8R	message

4. **Complete the table:**

ENGLISH TEXT	ENGLISH WORD	TEXT IN YOUR LANGUAGE	WORD IN YOUR LANGUAGE
TBA			
TTYL			
BTW			
LOL			
TGIF			
IDK			
NP			
RUOK?			
WKND			

WALK & TALK Texting

How many texts do you send each month?

What do you prefer – texting or calling?

What are your thoughts on having a limit on the # of texts you can send in 1 day?

Provide some example situations that you feel are inappropriate for texting.

How is texting similar to chatting and how is it different?

Do you think 'texting etiquette' should be a course taught?

What are your emotions when you are texting?

What are the positive and negative effects of texting?

At what age do you think it is appropriate to provide a phone to a person and why?

Listening Comprehension – Facilitator to read

A NYC boy, 16, is the fastest texter in America. The reigning 16-year-old champion of cellphone texting has reclaimed the title of fastest texter in America.

Austin Weirshike (WARE'-skee) of Queens, N.Y., won after eight rounds at the texting competition Wednesday in Times Square. He receives $50,000 in prize money.

Eleven contestants from around the U.S. competed.

The competition tested three skills: speed, accuracy, and dexterity.

There were three rounds, including texting while blind-folded and texting with hands behind their backs. The third round is called 'text blitz.' Phrases were shown to the participants for a length of time, and they copied them as fast as they could.

The annual competition is sponsored by cellphone-maker LG Electronics.

Exercise 1. Read and decide True (T) or False (F)

1. The boy was over 16 _____
2. He comes from England _____
3. He is the fastest in texting _____
4. The boy won after eighteen rounds _____
5. He received a lot of money as a prize _____
6. He also won a new mobile phone _____
7. Twenty teens took part in the competition _____
8. The competition tested three skills _____
9. Text blitz includes blinded eyes _____

Exercise 2.

Send a quick text message to your partner. (Douglas will provide your topic)

a. Did you use more than 1 finger to type the message? Which one(s)?
b. Did you reread (proof) your message before sending?
c. Did you need to correct any content in your message before sending?

Exercise 3. Read and match the words and their definitions (If time permits)

1. Reign	a. skill and speed in doing something with your hands
2. Contestant	b. happening once a year
3. Prize	c. someone who competes in a contest
4. Annual	d. to rule a nation or group
5. Dexterity	e. something given to somebody who wins a competition

New Vocabulary from this activity.

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