

**Subject: Mastering Messengers****I. Explain the abbreviations.**

1. BRB –
2. NP –
3. FTFY –
4. ETA –
5. YW –

Answer Key:  
1. be right back;  
2. no problem;  
3. fixed that for you;  
4. estimated time of arrival;  
5. you're welcome

**II. Fill the gaps with the correct abbreviations.**

LOL | DM | CU | BTW | OC | TY

- Did you \_\_ Sarah about the party?
- \_\_! She's not coming, tho. She said she's studying for her finals.
- \_\_! What a nerd! \_\_ for messaging her.
- No prob! \_\_, what time does the party start?
- 7pm.
- Cya there!
- \_\_!



Answer Key:  
DM, OC, LOL, TY, BTW, YW

**III. True or false.**

1. Using business-related abbreviations might seem unprofessional in some work environments.
2. Younger internet users use some abbreviations to make their messages harder to understand by adults.
3. OMW is used to make clear that what you're saying is only your opinion.
4. Internet slang is no longer evolving.
5. MSN and MySpace are currently among the most popular messengers.

Answer Key:  
1. True; 2. True; 3. False;  
4. False; 5. False

**IV. Look at the context and decipher the abbreviations.**

1. How could somebody do such stupid thing! SMH!  
SMH – shaking my...
2. You locked your computer by accident? DW, I got you.  
DW – don't ...
3. You didn't get the joke? NVM, let's continue.  
NVM – never...
4. I'm at work now, but I'll get back to you ASAP.  
ASAP – as soon as...
5. IDC what critics say – Madonna's latest album is 10/10.  
IDC – I don't...



**Answer Key:**  
1. head; 2. worry; 3. mind; 4. possible;  
5. care

**V. Find out the meaning of the abbreviations. Decide if it's positive, negative or neutral.**

WTF | ILY | THX | BRB | EOD | DM | OC | SMH | NSFW

**Answer Key:**  
Positive: ILY, THX, OC  
Neutral: BRB, EOD, DM  
Negative: WTF, SMH, NSFW

**VI. Match the words and phrases with their synonyms.**

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. clueless     | a. make an impression |
| 2. pack a punch | b. oblivious          |
| 3. convo        | c. chat               |
| 4. humility     | d. keep pace          |
| 5. keep up      | e. modesty            |

**Answer Key:**  
1. b; 2. a; 3. c; 4. e; 5. d