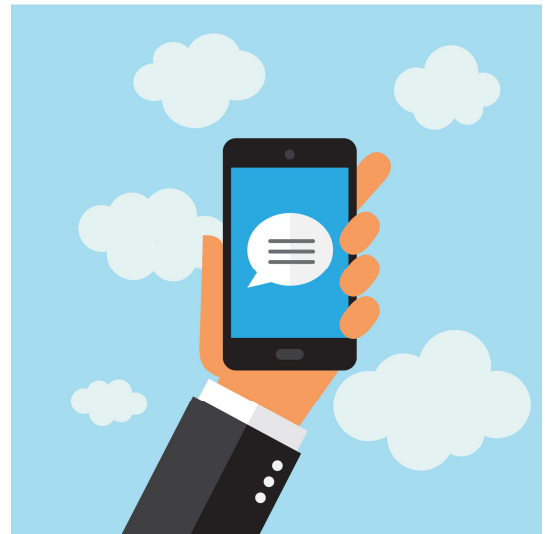


WARM-UP

**1. Discuss:**

- Are you a language purist?
- Is texting killing language in your opinion?
- Do you like the texting shortcuts and emoticons?
- What would life be like without SMS?



VIDEO & DISCUSSION

**2. Match phrases from the video with their endings:**

- |                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a) there's a little bit of  | 1) wrong                       |
| b) it's an expansion of     | 2) to keep spinning            |
| c) don't get me             | 3) face it                     |
| d) let's                    | 4) controversy                 |
| e) clear                    | 5) of new constructions        |
| f) keep up with             | 6) their throat                |
| g) we have a whole battery  | 7) their linguistic repertoire |
| h) the planet somehow seems | 8) the pace of speech          |

**3. Watch the talk and check your answers in ex. 2.**

**4. Discuss:**

- What have you noticed in the way speaking, writing and texting have been developing?
- Do you approve of how using language has changed? What is the future of language in your opinion?
- How has the meaning of *LOL* and *slash* developed according to the speaker?

**5. Guess the meaning of abbreviations used in text messages:**

C U

CU L8ER

TIA

NP

How R U?

TTYL

2day

IDK

HF

L8R

JK

B4N

GR8

TNX

ILY

@ 8

?4U

XOXO

B4

2MOR

OT

**6. Look at these messages and rewrite them.**

What u doing  
2nite?  
Let's go out and HF

2MOR going home  
for Xmas  
CU in 2 weeks.  
XOXO

Can u send me  
janes address?  
ASAP TIA

I booked a table at  
the restaurant at 5.  
Can you meet me  
there?

What are you  
wearing for the  
party today?

I think we should  
talk about it face to  
face. I will be right  
back.

**7. Choose two messages and answer them using abbreviations and text terms.**