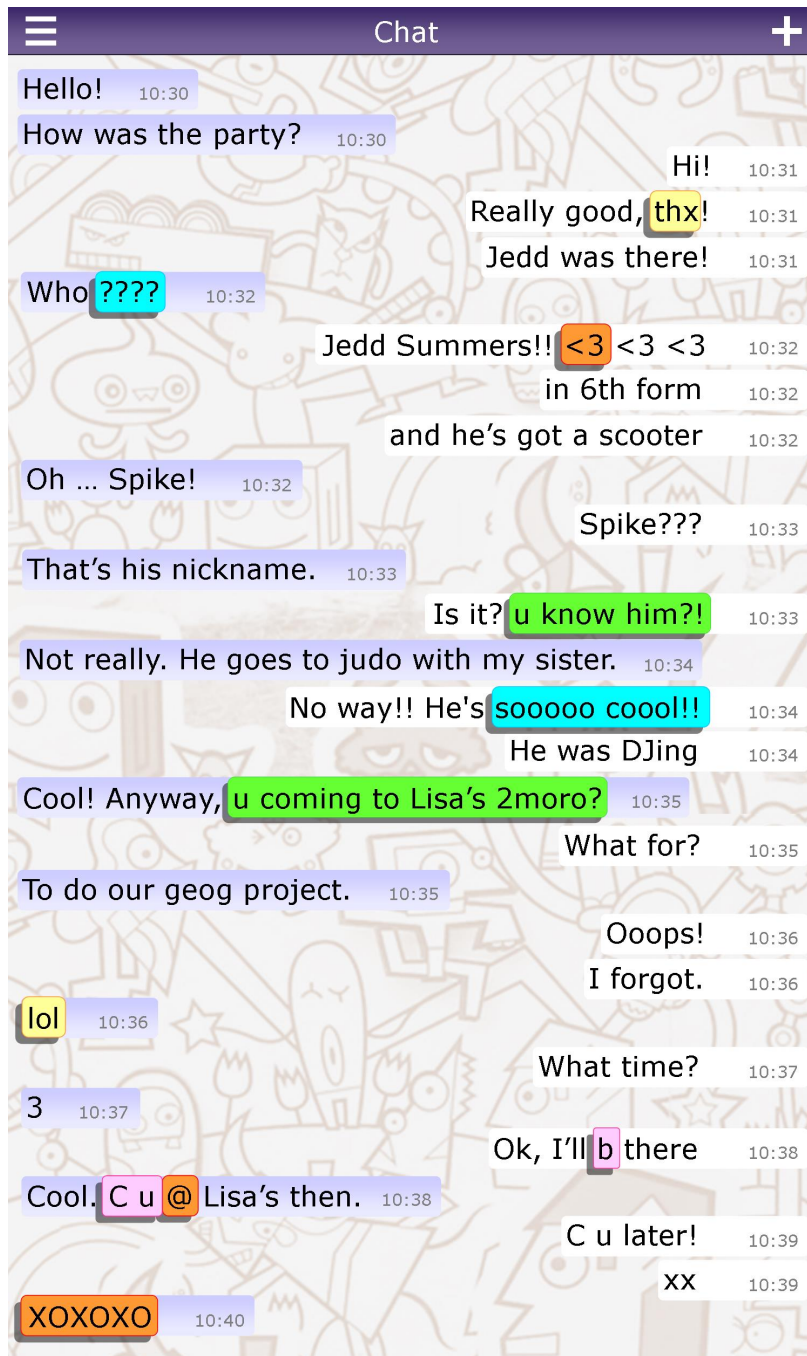


Look at the chat and do the exercises to improve your writing skills.

Preparation

Match the phrases with the common abbreviations. and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... at | a. Lisa's |
| 2..... Lisa's house | b. u |
| 3..... (hearts =) love | c. @ |
| 4..... you | d. lol |
| 5..... kisses | e. <3 <3 <3 |
| 6..... laughing out loud | f. xxx |



Chat

Hello! 10:30

How was the party? 10:30

Hi! 10:31

Really good, thx! 10:31

Jedd was there! 10:31

Who???? 10:32

Jedd Summers!! <3 <3 <3 10:32

in 6th form 10:32

and he's got a scooter 10:32

Oh ... Spike! 10:32

Spike??? 10:33

That's his nickname. 10:33

Is it? u know him?! 10:33

Not really. He goes to judo with my sister. 10:34

No way!! He's sooooo cool!! 10:34

He was DJing 10:34

Cool! Anyway, u coming to Lisa's 2moro? 10:35

What for? 10:35

To do our geog project. 10:35

Oops! 10:36

I forgot. 10:36

lol 10:36

What time? 10:37

3 10:37

Ok, I'll b there 10:38

Cool. C u @ Lisa's then. 10:38

C u later! 10:39

XX 10:39

XOXOXO 10:40

Top Tips for writing

- You don't need to write full sentences or questions.
- Add extra punctuation marks or vowels to add excitement.
- Use abbreviations.
lol = laughing out loud thx = thanks
- Use letters or numbers instead of words.
u = you r = are 2 = to c = see b = be
- Use symbols.
@ = at <3 = heart x = a kiss XO = hug and kiss
- Only write in this way to your friends.

1. Check your writing: gap fill

Complete the text message with a symbol from the box.

<3<3<3!!!	Cu	@ Bob's
sooooooooo	XOXOXO	U

Hey!

- We're _____ . (at Bob's house)
- _____ (are you) coming?
- Getting pizza!!! _____ (We love pizza!!!)
- ... from Big Al's. It's _____ (really really) good!
- _____ (See you) later!
- _____ (Hugs and kisses)

2. Check your writing: gap fill

Write the sentence again in text message style. Use symbols, abbreviations, letters and numbers.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> See you later. I'm at school. How are you? I'm fine, thanks. I love pizza. We're going to Sam's house. I'll be there at 5 pm. See you tomorrow. | <p>_____ later.</p> <p>I'm _____.</p> <p>How _____?</p> <p>I'm fine, _____.</p> <p>I _____ pizza.</p> <p>We're going _____.</p> <p>I'll _____ there _____.</p> <p>_____.</p> |
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Discussion

What other words do you know in text message style? Do you prefer writing in text message style or in full?