

Text messages

Single letters or numbers:

b = be

c = see

u = you

r = are

ur = you are, you're, your

2 = to, too, "to...", e.g. 2day = today

8 = "...ate", e.g. l8 = late, gr8 = great



Often letters can be omitted from words...

fwd = forward

txt = text

gd = good

wen = when

...or their endings can be dropped...

hav = have

havin = having

lookin = looking

...or the spelling is changed into something that sounds similar:

mite = might

wanna = want to

Punctuation is often missing, e.g.

capital letters sometimes aren't used (i=l)

contractions don't always have apostrophes (im = I'm)

People don't always use full stops



Write the following text messages out in proper English:

1. Hey i mite not b able 2 c u l8r as I hav 2 visit mum.
2. Hope ur havin a gd day. C u 2moro.
3. Sorry, i'm running l8 - will txt u wen im nearly there. Lookin fwd 2 it!
4. When do u wanna meet tomoro?

How could you shorten the following in a text message?

5. What do you want to do this evening?
6. How are you planning to get to the movie?
7. I'm looking forward to seeing you later.
8. I won't see you tomorrow because I'm too busy.

