

Lesson 7 Instant text messaging

1 Complete the summary with suitable words and phrases from the box.

• sounds • widespread • communication technology • alphabet • popular
• laptop computers • communicating • characters • messaging

Arabish is a modern way of ¹ _____ online when the regular Arabic ² _____ is not available. Instead of Arabic letters, it uses ³ _____ from English to represent the ⁴ _____ of Arabic. Since modern ⁵ _____ first appeared in the 1990s, emails and text messaging have become very ⁶ _____ in the Arab world, particularly with young people.

2 English text messaging has its own style too. Match the abbreviations with the phrases.

1 CU L8er	a see you later
2 GR8	b tomorrow
3 2EZ	c thanks
4 2moro	d laughing out loud (or lots of love)
5 2nite	e tonight
6 1CE	f great
7 LOL	g too easy
8 THX	h once

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