Young people express themselves, for example, in Weblish, a new shorthand English used in text messaging and in the Internet chat rooms. Weblish is a kind of 'slang'— idiomatic English which often breaks the rules of correct English. For example, capital letters are notused. Here is a glossary of some of the key expressions and symbols used in chat rooms.

u — you

c — see

2 — to

r — are

b — be

4 — for

nite — night

yup — yes

thanx — thanks

cos — because

dumbo — stupid

best — best wishes

wanna — do you want to

just thought — I just thought

cheer him — it'll cheer him up

u bet — you bet (this means a strong 'Yes!')

Try to read a message from Kate's phone (on the right). What is it about? Drag and drop the sentences.

hi an!

how is ur trip?

my frnds and me r very by her.

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dey all send thr lvto u.

wot r your plans 4 the rest of the holidays?

rite, please.

c u soon

ur K8

What are your plans for the rest of the holidays?

See you soon.

My friends and me are very miss by her.

Today all send true love to you.

How is your trip?

Your Kate

Write me, please.

Hi, Ann!

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