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

3 Write the following messages in good English.

1 CU 2nite – don't B L8 — *See you tonight – don't be late!*
2 can U pick me up at 6? — _____
3 where R U? — _____
4 im w8ing for U at bus stop — _____
5 wot R U doing 2day? — _____
6 Gr8 joke! LOL! — _____