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Back in the day, you probably stayed up all night talking on the phone to your best friend.

These days, kids let their fingers do the talking, instant messaging or texting their "BFF's" at any time of the day or night.

BFF is "best friend forever" in Internet shorthand.

7NEWS tested several parents on the streets of Cherry Creek North to see if they could crack the codes their own children use when sending texts by phone or instant messaging online.

Do you know what "POS" means in kid lingo? That's "parent over shoulder." Don't worry, the three dads we asked didn't know either.

We stumped another mom with "ASL." That's "age-sex-location," a phrase swapped liberally throughout the Internet when strangers meet.

Detective Mike Harris of the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office told 7NEWS that cracking the codes kids use isn't about being cool, it's about keeping them safe.

"If they (parents) were to walk in, they may be missing a big red flag because they don't know the lingo or the language," Harris said.

Those red flags include the abbreviations "F2F", or "face to face," and "IRL," which means "in real life." Harris said those terms may indicate the predator is trying to meet your child in person.

Harris makes a living posing as children online to catch Internet predators in the act, but he said the perverted criminals are even better than he is at talking to kids at their level.

But ultimately, only parent involvement and supervision can make the difference when it comes to keeping kids safe online.  Check out the list below:

1. 8 - it means ate, can also refer to oral sex
2. 9 -Parent watching
3. 99 - Parent gone
4. 1337 - Elite -or- leet -or- L337
5. 143 - I love you
6. 1174 - the meeting place, meet at
7. 420 - Marijuana
8. 459 - I love you
9. 53X - Sex
10. ADR - Address
11. AEAP - As Early As Possible
12. ALAP - As Late As Possible
13. ASL - Age/Sex/Location
14. BROKEN - hung over from alcohol
15. CD9 - Code 9 - it means parents are around
16. C-P - Sleepy
17. F2F - Face-to-Face
18. GNOC - Get Naked On Cam
19. GYPO - Get Your Pants Off
20. HAK - Hugs And Kisses
21. ILU - I Love You
22. IWSN - I Want Sex Now
23. KOTL - Kiss On The Lips
24. KFY -or- K4Y - Kiss For You
25. KPC - Keeping Parents Clueless
26. LMIRL - Let's Meet In Real Life
27. MOOS - Member Of The Opposite Sex
28. MOSS - Member(s) Of The Same Sex
29. MorF - Male or Female
30. MOS - Mom Over Shoulder
31. MPFB - My Personal F\*\*\* Buddy
32. NALOPKT - Not A Lot Of People Know That
33. NIFOC - Nude In Front Of The Computer
34. NMU - Not Much, You?
35. P911 - Parent Alert
36. PAL - Parents Are Listening -or- Peace And Love
37. PAW - Parents Are Watching
38. PIR - Parent In Room
39. POS - Parent Over Shoulder -or- Piece Of Sh\*\*
40. pron - Porn
41. Q2C - Quick To Cum
42. RU/18 - Are You Over 18?
43. RUMORF - Are You Male OR Female?
44. RUH - Are You Horny?
45. S2R - Send To Receive
46. SorG - Straight or Gay
47. TDTM - Talk Dirty To Me
48. WUF - Where You From
49. WYCM - Will You Call Me?
50. WYRN - What's Your Real Name?