

# Online Bridge Text Messaging

## Online Abbreviations

For all of those online Bridge Players, who also chat with others, a new and shortened digital language has been developed to spare the fingers from typing out the entire words. Instead, abbreviations have formed to relay the identical information in short form.

Below is a list, definitely not complete, of several terms. Please be aware of the fact that individual online members may have developed their own abbreviations and they have been adopted by an individual online group and may therefore not correspond to another online group.

Any and all printable contributions of online text-messaging or abbreviations from Online Bridgers will be welcomed and appreciated. We shall also attempt to keep this list updated as technology improves and the game of bridge becomes more virtual.

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Abbreviations	Translations
ABF	Australian Bridge Federation
AC	Appeals Committee
ACBL	American Contract Bridge League
AI	Authorised information
ArtAS	Artificial Adjusted Score
AssAS	Assigned Adjusted Score
ATF	Across-the-field (matchpointing)
ATTNA	Appeal to the National Authority
BBL	British Bridge League (now defunct)
BGB	Bridge Great Britain
BIT	Break in Tempo
BLML	Bridge-Laws Mailing List
BoD	Board of Directors (ACBL)
BoG	Board of Governors (ACBL)
BOOT	Bid-Out-Of-Turn
BTW	By the way
CD	Convention Disruption
C&E	Conduct and Ethics (often hearings)
CC	Convention card
CHO	Center Hand Opponent
CoC	Conditions of Contest
COOT	Call-Out-Of-Turn
CoP	Code of Practice
CPU	Concealed Partnership Understanding
CTD	Chief Tournament Director
DBF	Danish Bridge Federation
DIC	Director in Charge
DP	Disciplinary Penalty
EBL	European Bridge League
EBU	English Bridge Union
EHAA	Every Hand an Adventure (a system)
F2F	Face-to-Face (to distinguish from Online bridge)

FOLOOT	Faced Opening-Lead-Out-Of-Turn
FSF	Fourth Suit Forcing
GCC	General Convention Chart (ACBL)
HTH	Hope this Helps
HUM	Highly Unusual Method
IB	Insufficient Bid
IBLF	International Bridge Laws Forum
IIRC	If I remember correctly
IMHO	In my humble opinion
LA	Logical Alternative
L&EC	Laws & Ethics Committee (English, Welsh or Scottish)
LHO	Left Hand Opponent
Lnn	Law Number nn
LOL	Little Old Lady (may be of either sex)
LOOT	Lead-Out-Of-Turn
MB	Misbid
ME	Misexplanation
MI	Misinformation
MPC	Major Penalty Card
mPC	Minor Penalty Card
MSC	Master Solvers' Club (The Bridge World)
NA	National Authority
NABC	ACBL North American Bridge Championships
NBB	Nederlandse Bridge Bond (Dutch Bridge League)
NBO	National Bridge Organisation
NCBO	National Contract Bridge Organisation
NG	Newsgroup
NIBU	Northern Ireland Bridge Union
NO	Non-Offender
NOs	Non-Offenders
NOS	Non-Offending Side
NP	No Problem
OBOOT	Opening-Bid-Out-Of-Turn
OKB	OKBridge
OLB	Online Bridge (to distinguish from Face-to-face bridge)
OLOOT	Opening-Lead-Out-Of-Turn
OOT	Out-Of-Turn
Os	Offenders
OS	Offending Side
OTOH	On the other hand
pd	Partner
PLOOT	Play-Out-Of-Turn
POOT	Pass/Play-Out-Of-Turn
PH	Passed Hand
PP	Procedural Penalty
RA	Regulating Authority
RGB	rec.games.bridge (newsgroup)
RGBO	rec.games.bridge.okbridge (newsgroup)
RHO	Right Hand Opponent
RLB	Real Life Bridge (to distinguish from Online bridge)
RoC	Rule of Coincidence
RotG	Rub-of-the-Green (meaning to be lucky, Irish luck)
RoW	Rest of World (apart from North America)
RTFLB	Read the fabulous Law book

SBU	Scottish Bridge Union
SO	Sponsoring Organisation
TBW	The Bridge World Magazine
TD	Tournament Director
TDic	Tournament Director in charge
TFLB	The fabulous Law book
UI	Unauthorised Information
UPH	Un-Passed Hand
WBF	World Bridge Federation
WBFLC	WBF Laws Committee
WBU	Welsh Bridge Union
WTP	What's the problem
ZO	Zonal Organisation
ZT	Zero Tolerance (for unacceptable behaviour)

### **Hand Diagrams:**

3m	3 Clubs or 3 Diamonds (Minor suits)
3M	3 Hearts or 3 Spades (Major suits)
..3H	3 Hearts after a hesitation, etc.
3H!	3H Alerted, etc.

### **Cards and Bids:**

H3	A card (for example, the 3 of Hearts, etc.)
3H	A bid (for example 3 Hearts, etc.)

## The Coded Language of the Keyboard

The coded language of the keyboard is not a mystery, since most of these signs are self-explanatory. Their number is increasing and any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

The attempt has been made to provide the most accurate explanation, or translation, but such online symbols change with the times. We hope that the visitor finds them interesting, innovative, and creative.

### Signs - Symbols - Texting - Steno - Shorthand

: -)	Smiling, agreeing, compatible
: -D	Laughing
-)	Ho, ho; he-haw; tiny giggle
-D	Same as above, only louder
: -]	Smiling blockhead, dolt
: ->	Hey, dude; friendly greeting
: -(	Sad, unhappy, boo hoo
: (	Sad only
: <	Truly sad or unhappy
: -c	Very sad and unhappy
: -C	Saddest and most unhappy
& -	Teary-eyed, tearful
: '	To cry, crying, shedding tears
: '-(	Crying and sad at the same time
: -	Grim, dismal, gloomy
: [	Truly down, stressed out
: -[	Pouting, sulking
: ' -)	Crying, shedding tears of joy and happiness
' -)	Winking or just kidding
; ->	Evil or, more mildly, devilish winking
; -)	Very happy with a little tear; teary-eyed from happiness. Also winking or just kidding

\~/ My glass is full  
 :\* ) Clowning, foolery  
 :-T The attempt to keep a straight face, to remain poker-faced  
 :^D Wonderful, marvelous, great, I like it!  
 8-] Amazement, sort of wow, man! great!  
 ^ A thumbs up. Well done.  
 ^5 High Five  
 ;] Gleep, or a 'small-time theft'. Also may mean a friendly person wishing to befriend you  
 >:-< Angry, mad, enraged, livid  
 :-|| Angry, truly angry, doubly angry  
 :-@ Screaming, screaming mad, angriest  
 :-r Action of sticking the tongue out  
 :-, Smirk, grinning action  
 :~/ To be confused, mixed up  
 %-) Tired, brain-dead, blonde-moment  
 :-6 Tired, exhausted, brain-dead  
 (:| Academic, egghead, intellectual  
 |-O Yawning, falling asleep  
 (::()::) Bandaid, or the offered intention of assisting or helping  
 "> What? As in incredulous  
 :@ What? As in wassup?  
 :Q What? As in seriously, what's up?  
 :-o oh .... that. As in being surprised  
 :O Being shocked, or in a state of shock  
 8-| With eyes wide open with shock or surprise  
 :-/ Skeptical, non-believing  
 :-C Totally unbelieving, utterly non-convincing

|-{        Charlies Brown's Good Grief!!  
:-\*        Oops, as in sorry  
\-o        State of being bored, not interested  
][        Feeling separate, not together  
][        Totally apart, completely separated  
) (        Completely separated, not on the same wave-length  
{}        Face to face, person to person  
( )        Feeling together, being in sync and harmony