

So little time, so much texting

When's the last time you sat at a meeting without someone **tapping** at their mobile? **Multitasking** has reached new heights, thanks to the features on our phones that tempt us to send text messages and check e-mails.

Now, instead of listening to the meeting details, we **tune in** when something is important to us. We've even learned a whole new language along the way.

Everyone knows the **ubiquitous** smiley, :-), but there's also the **tongue-tied** face, :-t, and the skeptic, :-/. And these are just the tip of the iceberg in fun ways to communicate and **emote** in a hurry.

Does WRUD mean anything to you? How about TMI? If you're **stumped**, go ask a teenager, the respective kings and queens of text messaging. After they're done rolling their eyes, they'll tell you that WRUD is short for: 'What are you doing now?' Use TMI (as in, 'too much information') when you've heard enough.

Are our **attention spans** getting shorter? Maybe. We don't just watch the news these days; we also watch **streaming news clips** below it. While eating dinner. While talking on the phone. While untying our kid's shoelaces.

And now, thanks to ever-shorter online messaging systems such as Twitter, texting is reaching a new art form.

So, TTYL! For you dinosaurs, that's 'Talk to you later!'

Glossary

attention span	aika, jonka jaksaa keskittyä
emote	ilmaista tunteensa (liioitellusti)
multitasking	monen asian tekeminen yhtäaikaa
streaming news clips	uutisvälähdysten virta
stumped	hämmmentynyt, sanaton
tap	näppäillä
tongue-tied	mykistynyt, tuppisuu
tune in	tässä: kiinnittää huomiota; yleensä: virittää taajuudelle
ubiquitous	kaikkialla läsnä oleva