

Abbreviations

ACMC	Asynchronous computer-mediated communication
AIM	America Online instant messenger
ASCII	American standard code for information interchange
BBS	Bulletin board system(s)
CMC	Computer-mediated communication
EFL	English as a foreign language
ELC	Electronic Language Corpus
FAQ	Frequently asked questions
ICE	International Corpus of English
ICQ	“I seek you” (chat)
IM	Instant messaging
IRC	Internet relay chat
LLC	London-Lund Corpus (of Spoken English)
LOB	Lancaster-Oslo/Bergen Corpus
LSWE	Longman Spoken and Written English Corpus
MD	Multidimensional
MF/MD	Multifeature/multidimensional
MMORPG	Massive multiplayer online role-playing game
MOO	MUD object-oriented
MSN	Microsoft network instant messenger
MUD	Multi-user dungeon
OED	<i>Oxford English dictionary</i>
SBC	Santa Barbara Corpus (of Spoken American English)
SCMC	Synchronous computer-mediated communication
SMS	Short message service (message)
SSCMC	Supersynchronous computer-mediated communication
TTR	Type/token ratio
UCOW	Uppsala Conversational Writing Corpus
1PP	First person pronoun(s)
2PP	Second person pronoun(s)
3PP	Third person pronoun(s)

