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👯 bING xtremely impressionable btw tech is used 2day are beginning to bring their 📱 in2 skool but wot effect can this have on their literacy teaching.

One highly common use of the iPhone is texting, with eight trillion text messages sent every day worldwide from our phones. This involves the dramatic use of the language textese also known as text speak. Text speak is the abbreviated language and slang that can be used and interpreted differently by everyone. Text speak over the years has worked its way into our everyday language and now it seems it is even appearing in our children's homework. Arguably, texting has overtaken the phone call since the introduction of messaging

in 1993 as the decision to put it in writing is preferred over verbal communication. As a result, businesses are continuously searching for innovations in communicating with consumers, with the phone as the main form. Physical interaction is slowly socially changing. So why are we so casual with our text speak? Are we just lazy or do we all just give into the social norm of textspeak?

15.2 million text messages are sent per minute around the world. Text messaging is perhaps the fastest form of communication within our society. With individual's lives becoming busier in a digital driven world, time is important for everyone. The digital industry is built around innovating for the purpose of convenience for consumers. With convenience in mind it is no wonder abbreviated speech is part of our communications language the less we type the faster we can move onto the next objective of our day. This is arguably the most effective positive impact keyboards have had on today's communication quality.

On the other hand, can abbreviating all our communication have a negative impact on our literacy skills? Textspeak is not just present in our text messages anymore. Studies have shown that textspeak is working its way into children's homework and even our own business emails, as well. This issue is not isolated to youth any longer, with older generations willing to embrace technology more often. How can this then effect literacy skills such as grammar and spelling? You could argue that individual's today are so focused on faster communication that they ignore grammar and spelling. Writing the wrong way continuously through texting can become the norm for all forms of communication. For example, the word 'probably' in textspeak is often changed to 'probs', causing this to become the common use of the word over time. One could possibly even say that formal language used when appropriate is being mixed with textspeak due to the extreme normality associated with it.

Many could say that the greatest negative impact texting has had on individuals is the effect it has had on spelling skills and the structure of sentences. It is not just abbreviations either that have contributed to this argument. With the innovation of predictive text and spellcheck, individuals are able to use their touch screen keyboards for spelling and even the formation of their sentences. With such convenience is there even a need to learn how to write proper sentences anymore? In the future could children possibly only be needed to be taught what a proper sentence sounds like with the help of predictive text? Individuals would question if this possible scenario is just a step in the right direction or would just downgrade our language as a society.



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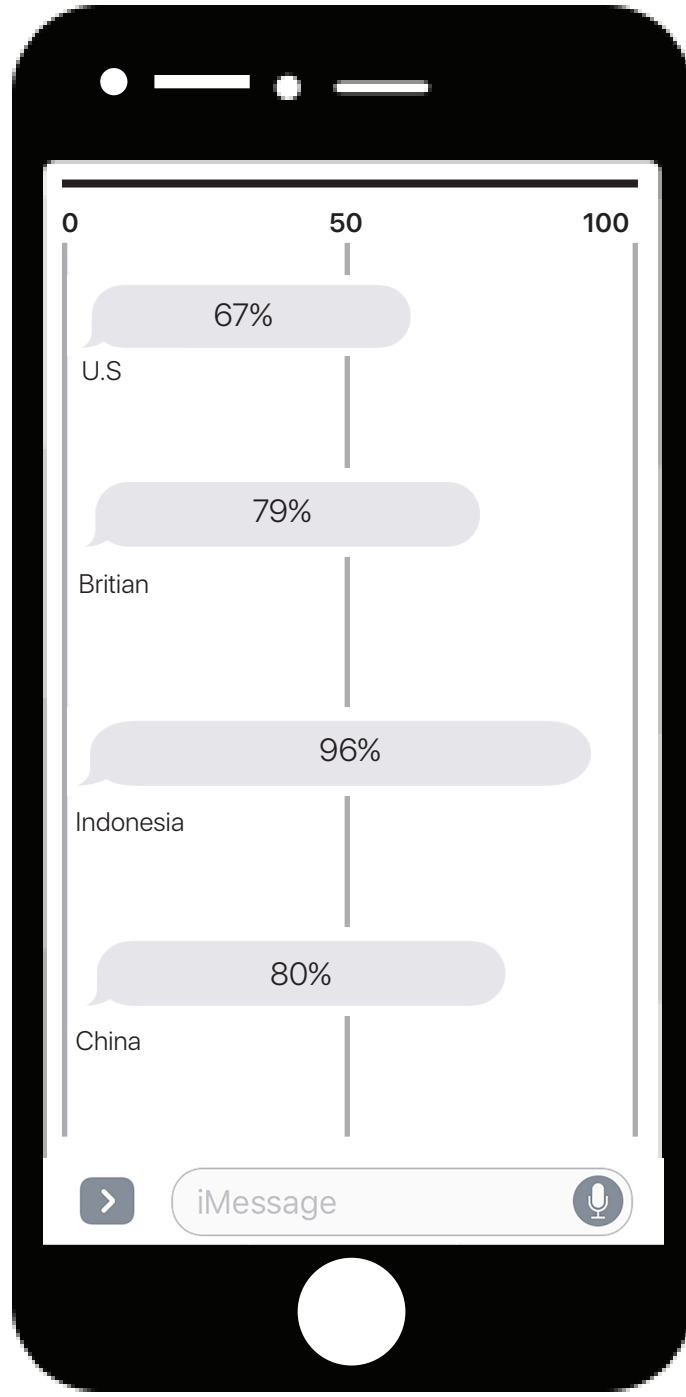
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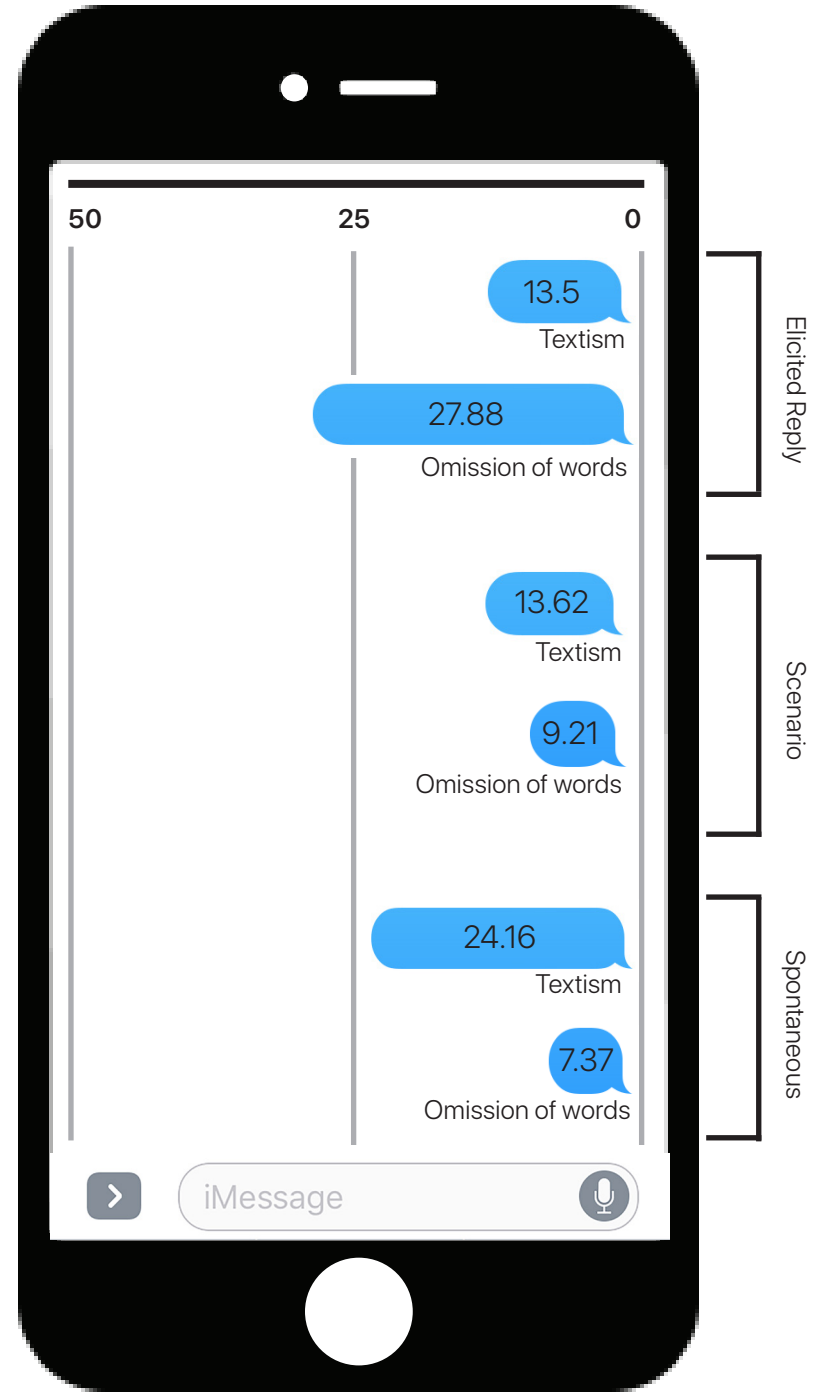
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Phone Owners and how Regularly they Text



Children's Use of Textese in Different Type of Messages



Wot Da Numbers Say

