

Table 1: Listing of ‘non-standard’ orthographic forms

Form Type				
Shortenings	Uni	‘University’	sis	‘sister’
	mon	‘Monday’	morn	‘morning’
	tues	‘Tuesday’	lang	‘language’
	wed	‘Wednesday’	comm	‘communication’
	thurs	‘Thursday’	mo	‘moment’
	thur	‘Thursday’	thou	‘though’
	fri	‘Friday’	goss	‘gossip’
	sat	‘Saturday’	proj	‘project’
	sun	‘Sunday’	com	‘communication’
	vid	‘video’	bud	‘buddy’
	lab	‘laboratory’	lec	‘lecture’
	poss	‘possible’	manch	‘Manchester’
	min	‘minute’	eco	‘economics’
	def	‘definitely’	hon	‘honey’
	tog	‘together’	eng	‘English’
	gram	‘grammar’	ed	‘edition’
	aft	‘after’	ger	‘German’
	bro	‘brother’	feb	‘February’
Contractions	Gd	‘good’	mesge	‘message’
	nt	‘night’	txt	‘text’
	bt	‘but’	cld	‘could’
	yr	‘your’	frm	‘from’
	wk	‘week’	bck	‘back’
	bk	‘back’	wrks	‘works’
	sn	‘soon’	grp	‘group’
	mt	‘meet’	abt	‘about’
	hm	‘home’	ltr	‘later’
	nxt	‘next’	lst	‘last’
	lv	‘love’	txtin	‘texting’
	wkend	‘weekend’	getin	‘getting’
	tmrw	‘tomorrow’	w’end	‘weekend’
	w.end	‘weekend’	c’diff	‘Cardiff’
	msg	‘message’	mins	‘minutes’
	msging	‘messaging’	doc’s	‘doctor’s’
	lookd	‘looked’	secs	‘seconds’
	spk	‘speak’	sbk	‘speak’
	wrk	‘work’	yrself	‘yourself’
	plymth	‘Plymouth’	jokn	‘joking’
	b.day	‘birthday’	MSG	‘Message’
G clippings	goin	‘going’	fuckin	‘fucking’
	jumpin	‘jumping’	shaggin	‘shagging’
	thinkin	‘thinking’	leadin	‘leading’
	comin	‘coming’	lookin	‘looking’
	drivin	‘driving’	thinkin	‘thinking’

	hurting	‘hurting’	waitin	‘waiting’
	mornin	‘morning’	messin	‘messaging’
	meetin	‘meeting’	feelin	‘feeling’
	tryin	‘trying’	huntin	‘hunting’
	gettin	‘getting’	smilin	‘smiling’
	talkin	‘talking’	sortin	‘sorting’
	workin	‘working’	havin	‘having’
	darlin	‘darling’	spendin	‘spending’
	missin	‘missing’	stayin	‘staying’
	screwin	‘screwing’	borin	‘boring’
Other clippings	hav	‘have’	cardif	‘cardiff’
	wil	‘will’	alrigh	‘alright’
	ankl	‘ankle’	couldn	‘couldn’t’
	til	‘till’	tonigh	‘tonight’
	he’l	‘he’ll’	chic	‘chick’
	I’l	‘I’ll’	wher	‘where’
	to	too	age	‘ages’
	we’l	‘we’ll’		
Acronyms	BFPO	‘British Forces Posted Overseas’	DI	‘Detective Inspector’
Initialisms	TTFN	‘Ta ta for now’	V	‘Very’
	ASAP	‘As soon as possible’	T	‘The’
	wbs	‘Write back soon’	TOPS	unknown)
	LOL	‘Laugh out loud’	GG	name)
	LOL	‘Lots of love’	TB	‘Text back’
Letter/number homophones	B	‘be’	2getha	‘together’
	U	‘you’	1td	‘wanted’
	R	‘are’	2day	‘today’
	1	‘one’	2morrow	‘tomorrow’
	2	‘to’/ ‘too’	2morro	‘tomorrow’
	4	‘for’	2mor	‘tomorrow’
	Gr8	‘great’	ne1	‘anyone’
	no1s	‘no ones’	m8	‘mate’
	l8r	‘later’	2mo	‘tomorrow’
	l8	‘late’	12	‘want to’
	1s	‘ones’	b4	‘before’
	sk8	‘skate’	2night	‘tonight’
	l8er	‘later’	BCNU	‘Be seeing you’
	k8	‘kate’	RU	‘are you’
	2nite	‘tonight’	Y	‘why’
	2moro	‘tomorrow’	cing	‘seeing’
	evry1	‘everyone’	cn	‘seen’
	2morrw	‘tomorrow’	NE	‘any’
	every1	‘everyone’	2moz	‘tomorrow’

‘Misspellings’ and typos	Esay excellent ofense remember aniversary seing realy	‘essay’ ‘excellent’ ‘offence’ ‘remember’ ‘anniversary’ ‘seeing’ ‘really’	malet unsuspectin flics adicted finishes commin	‘mallet’ ‘unsuspecting’ ‘flicks’ ‘addicted’ ‘finishes’ ‘coming’
Non-conventional spellings	Sumtime cum cuming fone foned sori nite rite mite lata otha bcum sum reali alrite uve	‘sometime’ ‘come’ ‘coming’ ‘phone’ ‘phoned’ ‘sorry’ ‘night’ ‘right’ ‘might’ ‘later’ ‘other’ ‘become’ ‘some’ ‘really’ ‘alright’ ‘you’ve’	tonite wot thanx gud ure suga xams rinkley skool yrself ud u’ll shud ruff no wen	‘tonight’ ‘what’ ‘thanks’ ‘good’ ‘your’ ‘sugar’ ‘exams’ ‘wrinkly’ ‘school’ ‘yourself’ ‘you’d’ ‘you’ll’ ‘should’ ‘rough’ ‘know’ ‘when’
Accent stylisation	wivout da / de novern dat laf afta anuva dats eva doya em erd hun wassup ello ad ave av gaf d’ya luv	‘without’ ‘the’ ‘nothern’ ‘that’ ‘laugh’ ‘after’ ‘another’ ‘that’s’ ‘ever’ ‘do you’ ‘them’ ‘heard’ ‘honey’ ‘what’s up’ ‘hello’ ‘had’ ‘have’ ‘have’ ‘gaff’ ‘do you’ ‘love’	tav nethin showen bin ya coz cos cuz girlz bout Gimme gona wanna gonna dunno whatcha kinda aught wiv / wif / wid / wit	‘taff’ ‘nothing’ ‘showing’ ‘been’ ‘you’ ‘cause’ ‘cause’ ‘cause’ ‘girls’ ‘about’ ‘give me’ ‘going to’ ‘want to’ ‘going to’ ‘don’t know’ ‘what are you’ ‘kind of’ ‘nothing’ ‘with’